

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDS UNDER ASIDE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of `Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development of Exports (ASIDE)` scheme;
- (b) the funds allocated/released along with the utilisation reported by States under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) the success achieved thereby in infrastructure development for export in States;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to upscale the `ASIDE` scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Salient Features of the scheme are as under:

ASIDE is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) started by the Department of Commerce in 2002-03. It is aimed at involving States / UTs in export effort by providing assistance to the State Governments / UT Administrations for creating appropriate infrastructure for development and growth of exports.

The scheme is exclusively used for creating infrastructure which does not get reflected either in the State / UT plan or in the plans of the Central Ministries or its organization(s), yet such infrastructure is critical for growth of exports. The activities should have an overwhelming export content and their linkage with exports should be fully established.

The outlay of the scheme has two components i.e. 80% of the funds (State component) and 20% (central component). Fund allocation is provided to all the States / UTs on the basis of a formula of last 4 years' export plus the population of the State. A State Level Export Promotion Committee (SLEPC) under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary of the respective State, scrutinizes and approves the specific projects out of the funds allocated to them under State Component of the scheme. Projects under Central Component are approved by the Empowered Committee on ASIDE headed by the Commerce Secretary.

Outlay for 12th Five year plan is Rs. 5775 Cr. and allocation for the current year is Rs. 800 Cr. (B.E)

(b) Details of fund allocated / released / utilized under the Scheme during last three years and the current year including Himachal Pradesh are enclosed as Annexure-I.

(c) 1658 projects approved by State Level Export Promotion Committee (SLEPC) with ASIDE support amounting to Rs. 6454 crore. Out of which 1056 projects have been completed.

So far 459 projects with ASIDE funding of Rs.1737 crore approved by Empowered Committee under Central Component of ASIDE. Out of which 349 projects are completed.

(d) Yes, the budget under the ASIDE scheme for 2015-16 has been proposed to be enhanced to Rs. 1500 crore.

(e) The outlay under the scheme during 12th five year plan is Rs. 5775.00 crore out of which only Rs. 2200 crore has been allocated to Department of Commerce during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15. Hence Rs. 3575 crore is still available within the 12th plan outlay for utilization under the scheme in 2015-16 and 2016-17.