

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED TRADE CENTRE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up or proposes to set up an integrated Trade Centre by Portland Authority in Sutarkandi in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details and present status thereof;
- (c) whether land has already been allotted by State Government for the above said project;
- (d) if so, the time by which the Government is likely to release funds for construction;
- (e) whether out of three such trade centres planned by the Government for North-East, Mizoram and Tripura centres have already become functional; and
- (f) if so, the reasons for delay in operationalising of such centres in Assam along with the time by which the same is likely to become functional?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) No Madam, Government does not propose to set up an integrated Trade Centre in Sutarkhandi. However, a Border Trade Centre Sutarkandi (Karimganj) has been built by Government of Assam. Assistance for same was sanctioned under the erstwhile Critical Infrastructure Balancing (CIB) Scheme. Subsequently, CIB Scheme was merged with Assistance to State for Developing of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme. The project continued with financial assistance from State Component of the ASIDE Scheme. The implementing agency Assam Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation informed that the first phase of Trade Centre was inaugurated on 12.1.2007. In phase I, Rs. 653.00 lacs released under State Component of ASIDE out of total cost of Rs. 816 lacs.

The 2nd phase was approved in two parts by State Level Export Promotion Committee (SLEPC) of Assam under State Component of ASIDE Scheme for an amount of Rs. 1747 lacs in the year 2006-07 and 2008-09. Border Trade Centre Sutarkandi was completed in April, 2012 and is functional.

(e) No Madam, No such trade centres in Mizoram and Tripura have been planned by Government.

(f) Does not arise.