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Title: Need to Announce Special Incentive Package for Development of Industries in KBK Region of Orissa.

SHRI PRASANNA ACHARYA (SAMBALPUR): Sir, Government of India have in the past announced special incentive packages for development of industries in backward areas and special category States, namely, the North-East Industrial Policy of December 1997, the Sikkim Industrial Policy of 2002, Jammu and Kashmir Industrial Policy of 2002, and Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh Industrial Policy of 2003. The KBK region of Orissa is amongst the most backward regions in the country with a very high concentration of SC and ST population and people below poverty line. Therefore, a special industrial incentive policy is required to be announced by Government of India for development of Industrial infrastructure and industries in this region on the lines of the North-East Industrial Policy and other such policies. The policy should contain specific incentives for the region like:

1. Hundred per cent grant for setting up of growth centres and industrial infrastructure development centres up to the tune of Rs.15 crore and Rs.5 crore per centre respectively;
2. The growth centres and IID centres set up in the KBK region should be declared as a total tax free zone for at least ten years thereby making all industrial activities in these centres income-tax and excise duty free for a period of 10 years from the commencement of commercial production;
3. Capital investment subsidy at the rate of 15 per cent of investment in plant and machinery should be provided; and
4. PMRY norms should be relaxed in terms of upper age limit and the subsidy component of project cost should also be enhanced.

The Government of Orissa has been requesting the Central Government in this regard and a memorandum has also been submitted to the hon. Prime Minister during his last visit to the State. I urge upon the hon. Prime Minister to give a serious consideration to this proposal in view of the acute backward condition of the KBK region of Orissa. I further demand that the Bargarh District in Orissa which is also adjacent to the KBK Districts and is also under-developed, should also be included in the KBK Scheme.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Dr. P.P. Koya- Not present.

Shri M. Shivanna - Not present.