

Development of Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor

2285. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for development of Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor on the lines of Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) through 100 per cent grant funding by National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh, *vide* letter dated 10th October, 2018, has submitted the proposal for consideration of inclusion of Visakhapatnam Node and Chittoor Node of Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC) under National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT). Government of India releases funds after approval of NICDIT for projects for development of industrial corridors on completion of detailed master planning and detailed preliminary engineering. Accordingly, the proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh was examined and forwarded to NICDIT.

Industrial incentives for Andhra Pradesh

2286. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the demand of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for industrial incentives at par with North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) to (c) A letter dated 23rd February, 2018 addressed to Commerce and Industry Minister was received from Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh requesting that Andhra Pradesh may be granted incentives at par with the special category States, such as Uttranchal and Himachal Pradesh, to boost industrial development. No request for industrial incentives at par with North Eastern States has been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. Government of India has already granted tax incentives to promote industrialization