

CM at review meeting of the Department of Industry and Commerce at Secretariat

The natural resources of the state have bright potential to build a self-reliant Tripura. For this, Department of Industry and Commerce should increase the speed of their works. Besides, with the aim of increasing the income of the state, importance should also be given to the export of goods produced in the state. Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha said this at the review meeting of the Department of Industry and Commerce in the conference Hall no. 2 of the Secretariat on 16th August, 2022. Prime Minister Gati Shakti scheme was also discussed in the review meeting. Chief Minister reviewed various projects of the Department of Industry and Commerce. CM said there are many scope to make the state an economic hub. For this reason, maximum importance should be given to the development of industry in the state. The Department of Industries and Commerce should work with a positive attitude in taking the state forward economically through the development of industries.

While discussing the Prime Minister Gati Shakti Master Plan in the review meeting, Abhishek Chandra, Secretary of the Department of Industries and Commerce said that the Prime Minister Gati Shakti National Master Plan was launched on October 13, 2021 for the development of integrated infrastructure in various economic regions of the country. Implementation of infrastructure and communication related projects of different states is monitored digitally. For this, it is necessary to upload the projects on infrastructure & communication of different states on the BISAG-N portal. The State Department of Industries and Commerce will act as the nodal office for the implementation of the Prime Minister's project. Secretary of the Department of Industry and Commerce said that the department has prepared and sent the outline of 8 projects for the financial year 2022-23 for the Prime Minister Gati Shakti. Out of which, rupees 35 crores have been allocated for 4 projects on priority basis.

Highlighting the success of the Department of Industry and Commerce in the last 4 years, Secretary said that the online single window SWAAGAT portal has been launched in 2020 to simplify the process of setting up industries in the state. Destination Tripura Business Summit was organized on 9th and 10th December in 2021.

3 new Industrial Training Centers (ITI) were inaugurated at Kanchanpur, Gandacherra and Shantirbazar. With the aim of increasing trade with Bangladesh, Maitri Setu over the Feni river has been inaugurated. Tripura Industrial Investment Promotion Incentive Scheme has been launched in the current year. Secretary said that in the last 4 years, loans of 251 crore rupees have been given to 3,926 people through different banks under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme. Also, in the last 4 years, 8,303 people have been given loans of 229 crore 35 lakh rupees under Swabalamban scheme. He said that the amount of foreign trade with Bangladesh has increased by 158 percent in the last 4 years. In the financial year 2017-18, where the amount of foreign trade was 390 crores 68 lakhs, it has increased to 1,008 crores 40 lakhs in the financial year 2021-22. Trade with Bangladesh is mainly through 8 land customs stations running and one integrated check post in the state. Also, commercial relations have been established with Bangladesh through 2 border huts in Srinagar and Kamalasagar.

In the review meeting, Secretary of Industry and Commerce Department discussed in detail about Tripura Bamboo Mission, Rubber Processing, Tea Industry, Food Processing, Natural Gas etc. Industry and Commerce Minister, Santana Chakma, Chief Secretary, J.K Sinha, Director of Industry and Commerce Department, Swapna Debnath, Additional Director Kaizer Debbarna and other senior officials of the department were present in the meeting.