

Jammu & Kashmir

Infrastructure

Some new elements of the Industrial Policy 2004 are:

Developing world class infrastructure is essential for speedy industrial development. The policy lays emphasis on inviting private sector to participate in infrastructure development. Such private sector activities will be considered as 'Industry' for the purpose of incentives.

Infrastructure and support services:

The government will strive to improve general infrastructure of the state. In respect of infrastructure for industries, the policy emphasises the following:

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Development of modern industrial areas and estates, growth centres, Integrated Infrastructure Development Centres (IID) etc. will be done in a time bound manner. These focal points of industry will meet all the basic requirements of a competitive industrial environment. An action plan with specific implementation model and time frame will be adopted.

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Operational management of the major industrial estates will be rationalised, involving local industrialists through a suitable local self managed model both for development works and management of the estates including regulation of power and water supply.

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The State Government will encourage private sector participation in infrastructure development and such private sector participation will be treated as an industry for the purpose of availing incentives. The Government will also facilitate acquisition of land for such private sector initiatives.

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Efforts will be made to ensure that the power supply within industrial areas, estates, IIDCs,

etc. is regular, reliable and of good quality.

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Private sector investment in generation and distribution of regular power supply in industrial areas, estates, IIDCs etc. will be actively encouraged. The government will provide necessary support for such ventures on a case-to-case basis to assure their sustainability.

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Micro-hydel projects are already open for private sector investment. A separate policy on the subject has been announced and implemented by the Power Development Department of the government.