



Kerala

Infrastructure

The major hurdle which comes in the way of the industrial development of the State has been the inadequate infrastructure facilities. The Government intends to give topmost priority to develop world-class infrastructure facilities to attract massive investments in manufacturing and service sectors. The Government has evolved special schemes to build up such facilities to convert the State into an investment friendly destination. The initiatives include:

- a) The proposed infrastructure company, Infrastructures Kerala Limited (INKEL), will commence its operation during the fiscal 2007-2008 to facilitate accelerated development of industrial infrastructure to attract massive investment.
- b) Constitute a Land Data Bank for disseminating information to the prospective entrepreneurs regarding availability, nature, area, value and other pertinent details of the industrial land.
- c) Ensure uninterrupted supply of quality power of industrial and commercial purpose.
- d) Develop Highways, approach roads and bridges at par with the International standards.
- e) Develop world-class inland waterways and minor ports.
- f) Develop major industrial water supply projects, power supply projects, sewerage and effluent treatment plants etc., in industrial areas.
- g) Setting up of exclusive Industrial Parks for NRI investors.
- h) Communication is the key driver of industrial growth and it is catching up very fast

globally. The Government is committed to provide state-of the-art infrastructure for setting up of a chain of telecommunication industries in the State.

- i) Industrial Establishments located in urban areas will be provided with the added facility to shift to other areas.

Thrust Areas for Future Focus

For the accelerated industrial development and balanced regional development, Government shall adopt an integrated approach to develop industrial & supportive infrastructure in the State through creation of more number of Industrial Parks/Industrial Townships/Industrial Corridors/Special Economic Zones. The major initiatives proposed during the Plan period are:

- a. **Mega Industrial Parks:** In order to make Kerala a destination of choice for investors, both global and domestic, KINFRA will help to develop Mega Industrial Parks in selected thrust sectors. Integrated Textile Parks at Palakkad and Mega Food Park at Wayanad are envisaged.
- b. **Industrial Townships:** Industrial Townships, which would be compact industrial areas providing necessary support to industrial entrepreneurs and offering world class facilities, will be set up. The Palakkad Industrial Township Area Project, Development of Knowledge Cities in Trivandrum, Ernakulam and Palakkad, etc are being envisaged.
- c. **Special Economic Zones:** Product specific SEZs including Service SEZs, which suits Kerala condition with industry - specific infrastructure along with all basic and supporting facilities, will be encouraged in the State. KSIDC / KINFRA will be setting up sector specific SEZs at Kozhikode, Kannur, Kasargod & Malappuram and KINFRA for the development of Gem & Jewellery, Textile and Biotechnology. In order to improve trade, KSIDC shall take steps to set up a Free Trade and Ware Housing Zone (FTZ) at Kochi.
- d. **Industrial Corridors:** Three zones in the State as Industrial Corridors, which would qualify as Commercial Districts are proposed:
 - I. IT & ITES Corridor from Kazhakuttom to Kovalam and from Kazakuttam to Kollam along NH Bypass.
 - II. Biotechnology & Hitech Electronics Corridor along Seaport – Airport road at Kochi.
 - III Food Processing & Textile corridor from Kanjikode to Walayar along NH at Palakkad.
- d. **Sector-specific Industrial Parks:** Industrial Parks will be developed in certain selected

thrust sectors. Watercraft Park at Kochi, Print Village at Kochi, etc are on the anvil and more such sector-specific Industrial Parks will be developed progressively. KSIDC shall facilitate setting up of a world-class Electronic Hub for attracting global leaders in electronic hardware and equipment, home appliances, semi conductor devices etc.