



Andhra Pradesh

Cluster Development

Clusters allow small local enterprises to make more effective use of underutilized resources (small scale savings or family labor) generating incomes that they cannot otherwise avail of while operating in isolation.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has identified six industrial clusters for development under "Industrial Infrastructure Up-gradation 30 Scheme". Two clusters, namely, Pharma Cluster near Hyderabad and Auto Components Cluster in Vijayawada have already been approved by the Government of India for assistance and these are in the process of development.

The other four clusters, namely, Marine Food Processing Cluster in Bheemavaram, Powerloom Cluster in Sircilla, Leather Cluster in Hyderabad and Precision Engineering Tools and Components in Ranga Reddy are under consideration by the Government of India. Apart from the above, fourteen more clusters are in the process of development under the assistance of the Development Commissioner Small Scale Industry (DCSSI).

The Government accords highest priority to promotion of clusters in the state. The individual units in the clusters are eligible for the general incentives offered by the Government under the policy. Apart from this, clusters are also eligible for a special package of incentives for which the State Government has created a fund under the cluster development programme.

To capitalise on the natural resources and other advantages available in the sub-regions, the Government has proposed to develop industrial corridors in various parts of the state for sustainable and equitable industrial development.