

Policy evolved to boost industries



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ITANAGAR, Feb 22: The Industrial Policy 2008 evolved by the state government aimed at creating an investment-friendly environment for industrial growth offers numerous incentives to boost private/joint venture/cooperative sectors for sustainable economic development of Arunachal Pradesh.

Known as a repository of natural resources, this Himalayan state failed to bring the desired industrialization, a key to socio-economic development which prompted the ruling government to review its 2001 policy to make it investor-friendly and facilitate optimum utilization of locally available raw materials.

The policy was released by

(in pic) state Governor Gen (Retd) JJ Singh, Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu and Industries Minister Tanga Byaling during the 23rd Statehood Day celebration here on February 20 last.

It allows entrepreneur/s or consortium of industries to have ownership or cent percent equity holding of their enterprise/s for 50 years and review thereafter on mutually agreed terms, period of land lease on a predetermined rent for 50 years and its renewal thereafter on mutually agreed terms, 99% sales tax (VAT)/entry tax exemption to eligible industrial units on import of actual raw materials, machines, equipments, and sale on finished goods for 7 years and trading licence through single

window system to all outside investors involving minimum investment of Rs 5 crore and not less than Rs 2 crore investment on equipments for service sector.

Industries based on agriculture, horticulture, plantation produce, non-timber forest produce (bamboo, cane, rattan), medicinal plants, herbs, aromatic grass, tea, coffee, textiles (handlooms & power looms), handicrafts, sericulture, electronics & IT-based enterprises, mineral-based (ferro-alloys, cement), power & communication, development of public private partnership, food processing, engineering & allied (rolling mill, steel), tourism (infrastructure, resorts, hotels, restaurants) are the thrust areas of the policy.

It announced to develop infrastructure by setting up industrial estates, industrial growth centres, integrated infrastructure development centres, small industries cluster development, export promotion industrial parks, export promotion zones, special economic zones, food parks, strengthening existing industrial estates and border trade centres.

The incentives under the North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007 granted by the central government, like central capital investment subsidy scheme, transport subsidy, central working interest subsidy, comprehensive insurance and tax/duty holiday schemes shall be made available to eligible enterprises established in the state.