



DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

One Hundred and First Report on “Demands for Grants (2012-13)” of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (Ministry of Commerce and Industry).

The Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce, under the Chairmanship of **Shri Shanta Kumar, MP, Rajya Sabha** presented the One Hundred and First Report on the Demands for Grants (2012-13), pertaining to the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry to the Rajya Sabha on 30th April, 2012. The Report has simultaneously also been laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. The full Report is available on the website www.rajyasabha.nic.in.

The major recommendations made by the Committee are as follows:

INDUSTRIAL PERFORMANCE DURING 2011-12

On studying the Industrial Performance during 2011-12, the Committee observed that the industrial growth has not shown a consistent pattern in the last three years. The Committee felt that such inconsistency does not augur well for the overall growth of the economy. The Committee directed the Department to revisit the industrial policy and introduce necessary corrective steps so that industrial growth does not succumb to global pressures. (Para 1.9)

BUDGETARY PROPOSALS

On scrutinizing the budgetary proposals, the Committee was unhappy to note that even the reduced Plan allocation of Rs. 1107 crore and Non Plan allocation of Rs. 192.74 crore could not be spent by the Department. (Para 2.5)

The Committee was of the considered opinion that the poor progress in utilisation of funds is mainly due to framing up of half-baked schemes, poor evaluation and monitoring mechanism and ineffective appraisal before appointment of Implementing Agencies. The Committee hoped that the Department would review the schemes to overcome the constraints so that the enhanced outlay for the financial year 2012-13 will be fully utilised. (Para 2.9)

Initiatives proposed for 12th Plan

The Committee appreciated the Initiatives proposed by the Department for 12th Plan and recommended that the Department engage the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance with all seriousness for the necessary allocation for its proposals. (Para 2.15)

