

# Orissa plans exclusive industrial parks for MSMEs

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With a view to meeting the infrastructure needs of the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the state, the Orissa government plans to set up exclusive industrial parks for these units.

The proposed industrial parks will come up in major industrial hubs in the state and

will have all basic infrastructure facilities like water supply, power, waste management, testing laboratories and other civic amenities.

The locations identified for establishment of these industrial parks include Kalinga Nagar, Barbil, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, Dhenkanal, Angul, Paradeep, Rourkela, Bragarh, Balasore, Dhamra, Gopalpur, Chhatrapur, Raygada, Kalahandi and

Choudwar.

The government also intends to set up industrial parks closer to the special economic zones (SEZs). The state-owned Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (Idco) has been entrusted with the promotion of the industrial parks, sources said.

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and maintain the infrastructure facilities in the existing industrial estates and growth centres in association with the user industries.

"The large industries will

prefer to have ancillary and downstream units in and around their units which will be helpful for the MSMEs," Niranjan Mohanty, president of the Utkal Chamber of Commerce and In-

dustry (UCCI), told Business Standard.

It may be noted that the new MSME Development Policy adopted by the state government emphasises infrastructure development to meet the needs of the MSMEs. Besides, it says that 20 per cent of the area in the industrial parks, industrial estates, industrial corridors and land banks will be reserved for MSME units.

"The services of the large units are mostly outsourced, which provides ample scope for the growth of the micro and small units. With the mother industry around, the external infrastructure will be automatically developed, and the proposed industrial parks being equipped with all the basic infrastructure facilities, the MSMEs can readily move in and set up their units," Mohanty

added. To facilitate the setting up of downstream and ancillary industries in the state, 10 per cent of the total land requirement of the large and mega units, subject to a ceiling of 200 acres, is proposed to be earmarked for such industries. Besides, sector-specific ancillary and downstream industrial parks are proposed to be set up by Idco, preferably in association with the mother plants.