## Government of India Ministry of Planning NITI Aayog

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Subject: Release of Rs. 200 crore as financial assistance for completion of Common Effluent Treatment Plants in Tirupur, Tamil Nadu from Demand No.32 of Union Budget.

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Government of India is committed to assist the States to meet the "spill over liabilities" of their area specific schemes and projects for which budget provision has not been made after the of Fourteenth Finance implementation Commission recommendations and also to provide for need-based assistance to the states on account of varying socio-economic-geographical factors. To honour this commitment, an amount of Rs. 200 crore from Demand No.32 of Union Budget 2016-17 has been released as financial Assistance to Tamil Nadu to resolve the issues affecting processing industry in Tirupur (Tamil Nadu), for adoption of Zero Liquid Discharge by 18 Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs). It was found that the financial assistance required for making the existing system run at 100% capacity is still lower than what would be required for a greenfield project of similar capacity. Accordingly, an amount of Rs. 52.51 crore has been released for upgradation of CETPs along with Rs. 147.49 crore for OTS. The amount has been released as interest free loan which may be converted into grant, based on performance parameters in succeeding years. This provision will help the industries to minimize pollution and it will be a step towards clean environment.

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