



SDF AT KINFRA SMALL INDUSTRIES PARK, THALASSERY

SPACE ALLOTMENT PROCESS KICKSTARTED AT KINFRA SDF

The Standard Design Factory (SDF) at the KINFRA Small Industries Park, Thalassery is ready for allotment. The 55,000 sq. ft. four-storeyed building has an office space of 40,000 sq. ft. with 10,000 sq.ft. on each floor.

Set up at a cost of Rs. 10 crore, the facility can host a maximum of 16 companies. According to KINFRA officials, registration for allotment of space in the SDF building has already started and preference will be given to IT, ITES, Nanotechnology, Biotechnology and other non-polluting industries. A few applications from electronics manufacturing and biotechnology companies are under scrutiny and space will be sanctioned only from June 2016 onwards.

The common facilities include round-the-clock security, back-up

facilities on demand, pre-laid cables by all major connectivity players, two 500 MVA transformers installed in the building for speedy availability of power connection from KSEB, two passenger lifts having capacity to carry 13 passengers each and two freight lifts with a capacity of two tonne

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each. Investors will have the advantage of single-window clearance and getting power connection from KSEB on priority basis. Commissioned in the year 2000, the Small Industries Park is situated in 50 acres of land with modern infrastructural facilities. Of this, 32 acres have already been allotted to 40 units. Among them,

30 units are fully operational. These units are engaged in manufacturing of furniture, dye, kitchen utensils and various food products. The remaining are under various stages of construction. As of now, the Park has given direct employment to more than 1000 persons.

KINFRA had decided to set up SDF in view of the increased demand for space at the Park. Once commissioned, the SDF is expected to generate employment for 200 people. The upcoming Kannur International Airport is about 20 km from the Park and the Thalassery Railway Station is about four km away.

SIB TO BACK KINFRA PROJECTS

Giving a fillip to KINFRA's attempts to set up industrial infrastructure in Kerala, South Indian Bank (SIB) has agreed to fund two of its projects in Ernakulam. As per the agreement, SIB will provide term loan of Rs. 53.14 crore for the proposed Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) project in Kakkanad. The Bank will also support KINFRA International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre project in Kochi by providing another loan to the tune of Rs. 74 crore. The project is a joint

venture with India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO). The EMC project is intended to create an industrial park with all modern facilities for the electronics manufacturing industries with the assistance of the Union Ministry of Information Technology, under the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster Scheme. The project would be eligible for grant under Modified Special Incentive Package (MSIP) scheme of the Central Government. KINFRA has identified 66 acres of

land at Kakkanad having good road, air and seaport connectivity.

As far as KINFRA International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre project is concerned, the proposal is to develop a unique, iconic structure, which will house an international trade fair and convention centre, offering facilities of world-class standards and quality. It will provide a permanent setup for exhibitions, conferences, conventions and other business activities in Kochi, the business city of Kerala.

WORK ON KINFRA MEGA FOOD PARK PROGRESSING FAST

The construction work of KINFRA's Mega Food Park (MFP) in Palakkad district is fast progressing. More than 70 per cent work of the compound wall has already been completed. KINFRA will soon invite tenders for the construction of basic infrastructure, including road and pipeline and common facilities for the Park. According to officials, the tendering process is in the final stage.

Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) cleared KINFRA's MFP proposal in November 2015. The primary objective of the MFP is to provide modern infrastructure facilities along the value chain from farm to market.

"The expected outcome is increased price realisation for farmers, creation of high quality processing infrastructure, reduction in wastage, capacity building of producers and processors and creation of an efficient supply chain along with significant direct and indirect employment generation," Dr. G C Gopala Pillai, MD, KINFRA said.

The estimated project cost of set-



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ting up KINFRA Mega Food Park is Rs. 119.02 crore. The grant-in-aid from MoFPI will be Rs. 50 crore. NABARD has also sanctioned a term loan of Rs. 28.34 crore under the 'Food Processing Fund'. KIN-

FRA's contribution is Rs. 40.68 crore. KINFRA has earmarked an area of 78.68 acres of land under its possession in Palakkad district, located in Elappully and Puduassery villages, to develop the Central Processing Centre (CPC) of the Food Park.

Apart from basic infrastructure, the KINFRA Mega Food Park would also provide common facilities that are specifically designed for the food processing sector called the 'core facilities' or 'core processing infrastructure'. The units at CPC are expected to generate 1500 direct employment and 5000 indirect employment.