

# Centre approves Rs 38cr grant for MSME cluster devt plan

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Lucknow: The Centre has approved a grant of Rs 38.70 crore under the micro, small & medium enterprise cluster development plan for four districts in Uttar Pradesh to allow MSME industrialists to set up units on the plug and play basis.

Under the MSME cluster development plan, flatted factories will be set up in Kanpur and Agra, while basic facilities will be provided in the industrial area at Farrukhabad.

MSME additional chief secretary Navneet Sehgal said the department had sent a proposal to the Centre for setting up flatted factories at Dada Nagar in Kanpur and Foundry Nagar in Agra and had requested for grants for the projects.

As per the proposal, the construction of a 68 flatted factory complex is proposed in Kanpur in an area of 6,071.18 sq m, the cost of which is estimated at Rs 24.72 crore. Similarly, a 40 flatted factory complex is proposed in Agra in an area of 8,812.30 sq m for which the estimate is Rs 26.41 crore.

The Union MSME ministry has approved grants of Rs 11.19 crore and Rs 12 crore for Kanpur and Agra and the remaining expenditure will be borne by the state government.

"The complex will have a conference hall, exhibition hall, canteen, banks and administrative offices. In addition to this, the Centre has also approved a Rs 6.09 crore grant for upgradation of Thandi Sadak area in Farrukhabad and of Rs 9.41 crore for Talkatora Industrial Estate in Lucknow," he said.