

Govt OKs 22 electronics parts projects at ₹42k cr investment

Samsung, Foxconn, Tata Electronics Among Vendors Getting Nod

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New Delhi: In a major boost for electronics manufacturing, the Centre has cleared 22 new proposals — including from Samsung, Foxconn, Tata Electronics and Dixon — for component manufacturing entailing investments of nearly Rs 42,000 crore.

The investments under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) are projected to result in domestic production of Rs 2.6 lakh crore in the coming years and reduce the reliance on imports. In recent years, electronics manufacturing, including mobile phones and computers, has increased in the country but imports haven't come down as the manufacturers rely on components produced in other countries, especially China.

Companies such as Apple are stepping up iPhone production in India, positioning it as a rival base to China and its vendors, including Foxconn, Tata Electronics, ATL

Looking To **Cut Import Dependence**

Major parts covered: PCBs, capacitors, enclosures, lithium-ion cells among the 11 categories

Top states that benefit Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, AP, UP

Apple's vendors plan local production

Govt hopes to reduce import dependence for electronic parts, replicate success of PLI for mobiles

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Battery Tech, Hindalco Industries and Motherson Electronic Components, are among those investing under the new scheme.

While a production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme helped boost electronics manufacturing, the components programme is likely to augment that. The scheme will see the production of printed circuit boards, capacitors, enclosures

and lithium-ion cells among the 11 categories.

While four facilities each will be in Maharashtra and Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana (three each) are the other major production centres under the scheme.

Govt had earlier cleared proposals in two tranches — seven projects with invest-

ment of Rs 5,500 crore and then 17 proposals entailing investment of Rs 7,172 crore.

IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the Centre's focus on major reforms, enabling policies, and efficient and speedy execution of projects and initiatives have helped generate investments and the “results are clearly visible, sector after sector.”

He also said that four chip companies will start commercial production this year, and almost all the top automobile and telecom companies will source semiconductors from them.

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