

AAI Initiates Aluminium Clusters in Karnataka

In order to Promote Aluminium Industry in terms of technological upgradation, a state-of-the-art state-of-the-art Aluminium Industry Clusters which would be for the manufactures and commercialization and development of Downstream Industries for domestic and export market. This state of the art project will be developed in Bangalore in the state of Karnataka which expected to be set up by 2014.

With a view to further explore and implement programmes, which would generate industrial activities in the State and provide R&D support by interfacing with Research Organisations AAI is planning to set up the state-of-the-art Aluminium Industry Clusters with the support of Ministry of Commerce & Industries and Government of Karnataka.

Speaking exclusively with 'Metalworld', Prof. K.S.S. Murthy, General Secretary of Aluminium Association of India said "in recent times Karnataka state has emerged as the knowledge and technology capital of the country and especially Bengaluru which is turning into technology capital and knowledge capital of the country".

"One of the main reason why we have decided to set up in Bengaluru is because of availability of skilled and non skilled man force" added Prof. Murthy

The Scope for promotion of vibrant small scale sector in the state providing considerable employment opportunities to the people of Karnataka is also there. Karnataka has many inherent advantages for investors and offers ample opportunity for investment both from domestic and overseas investors. The State is the leader in knowledge based, technology driven industries like information technology, bio-technology, electronics, telecommunications, aerospace and much else. The Cluster Development Programme (CDP) is to contribute to the overall performance and collective efficiency of the small and medium

enterprise clusters for sustainable development by assisting selected local communities of firms and associated institutions in the clusters. This entails the implementation of cluster support initiative in selected pilot clusters as well as assistance to central and local institutions in their programmes of cluster modernisation and restructuring.

Talking about cluster Prof. Murthy said "we are very happy that for this concept we have got support of not only state government but also of Union government. We are expecting that by the end of this year Press Information Bureau, Karnataka state would issue notification regarding cluster as we are already in talking terms with them"

When asked him about how the industry is reacting to the concept Prof. Murthy said that "we have already got confirmation from 15 SME companies who are interested in setting up while many others have also approached and talks are in preliminary stage". ○○○



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