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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1452

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Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

With reference to his reply to question 2584 on 27 November 2020, where it is stated that the Mpumalanga Growth Agency (MEGA) deliberately decided to slow down the Ekandustria Industrial Park revitalisation programme in Ekangala, Gauteng, what (a) were (i) the dates and (ii) the purported reasons for the stated service delivery protests, (b) are the reasons that took over 26 months for the MEGA to send the revised application for phase 2 of the revitalisation programme, (c) was the total budget (i) allocated and (ii) spent for the programme in the 2019-20 financial year, (d)(i) phases and deliverables are planned in the (i) 2020-21, (ii) 2021-22 and (iii) 2022-23 financial years and (e) are the budgetary allocations for the three specified financial years? [NW1655E]

REPLY

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition does not administer or disburse funds in specific industrial parks, but approves funding based on applications made by the provincial agencies. Provincial governments are therefore able to provide information on details. The Department has however been advised by MEGA as follows:

- (a) (i) The incidents were on various dates during 2019, particularly in March-May and during February 2020.
- (a) (ii) These related to residential title deeds, municipal services, jobs in the industrial parks and participation in the contracts awarded on government tenders.

- (b) The delay was due to the process of community engagement.
- (c) The Ekandustria Industrial Park was approved in 2016/17 for R49,978,276.00 for Phase 1 of the revitalisation programme, of which, R33,695,167.00 was disbursed in 2017/18. Phase 1 consisted of the of the revitalisation of waste water treatment plant, the installation of 2 kilometre of fencing, the erection of three guardhouses, the installation of boom and pedestrian gates, sheeting and cladding, ventilators for 13 factories and the painting of 10 rooftops of factories.
- (d) Further phases are dependent on the urgent needs of the industrial park and the programme responds to the applications submitted. A guide for the phases is as follows

Phase 1: Security infrastructure upgrade, fencing, lighting, critical top structures and electrical requirements - The first phase requirements was requested by the industrial parks management agencies who have been experiencing high crime levels.

Phase 2: Compliance to regulatory requirements – Landfill sites; Waste and Water treatment plants, Fire, Health & Safety Requirements, and Renewable energy initiatives.

Phase 3: Engineering designs and construction of new and existing roads, bulk water supply and sewage treatment plants or industrial effluent control.

Phase 4: Upgrading electricity infrastructure, and build new top structures in line with the expansion programme of the Parks.

Phase 5: Development of vacant land and sustainable industrial clusters in the Parks.

- (e) The budgetary allocation is aligned to the Critical Infrastructure Programme expenditure. The implementation progress will allow the Industrial Park to apply for funding up to R50 million in line with the programme guidelines.

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