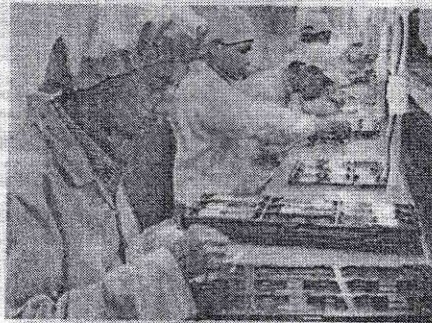


'Govt may consider course correction for PLI laggard sectors next year'

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The government is likely to assess the need for course correction for "laggard sectors" under the ₹1.97-lakh crore production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for white goods, automobiles, auto parts, textiles, solar PV modules and ACC batteries, after the end of the current financial year, official sources have said.

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teething troubles, but this is a crucial year. If they don't take off this year, we don't have much time left, and the government may have to do a course correction to deal with it," an official tracking the matter told *businessline*.

The departments and min-

istries concerned may consider some course correction in the plan or look at certain relaxations. In this regard, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology recently came up with a second version of the PLI scheme for the IT hardware sector, DPIIT Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh pointed out at a press conference on Tuesday.

Under the PLI scheme, ₹2,900 crore has been disbursed so far out of the corpus of ₹1.97-lakh crore. The total claims made so far amount to ₹3,400 crore.

The PLI scheme, however, will be a self-financing one,

and the exchequer will get back more in terms of GST and other taxes than what is being spent as PLI outlay, Singh said.

The sectors that are doing well include large-scale electronics including mobile phones, pharmaceuticals and food processing, Singh said.

LAGGARD SECTORS

Sectors such as bulk drugs, medical devices, IT and hardware, drones and technology products have seen limited disbursements, while white goods, automobiles, auto parts, textiles, solar PV modules, and ACC batteries are the laggards.