GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**RAJYASABHA**
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2496**
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021**

**JOB LOST DUE TO CORONA PANDEMIC**

2496. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
(a) the total contribution of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector to India's GDP;
(b) the total number of people employed in the MSMEs sector, during the last three years;
(c) the details of employment lost in MSMEs during Corona Pandemic (February-October 2021) month-wise; and
(d) the steps being taken by Government to increase employment opportunities in MSMEs?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI NARAYAN RANE)

(a): As per the information received from National Statistical Office (erstwhile Central Statistics Office), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, share of MSME Gross Value Added (GVA) in All India GDP at current prices for the year 2019-20 was 30.0%.

(b): As per 73rd Round of NSS Report on Unincorporated Non-Agricultural Enterprises' (July 2015- June 2016) conducted by Ministry of Statistics & PI (MoSPI), the estimated number of persons employed in MSMEs are about 11.10 crore.

(c): COVID-19 epidemic has temporarily affected various sectors including Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the country including their employment. As MSMEs are present in both formal and informal sector, data regarding temporary or permanent loss of jobs in MSME sector are not maintained by the Government of India in Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

(d); The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) implements various schemes to increase employment opportunities of MSME sector in the country. These includes Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Micro and Small Enterprises-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) and A Scheme for Promoting Innovation, Rural Industry & Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE).

Government has taken a number of initiatives under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to support the MSME Sector in the country especially in Covid-19 Pandemic. Some of them are:

i. Rs 20,000 crore Subordinate Debt for MSMEs.
ii. Rs 3 lakh crores Collateral free Automatic Loans for business, including MSMEs (existing overall guarantee limit under ECGLS has been enhanced from Rs. 3 lakh crore to Rs. 4.5 lakh crore).
iii. Rs. 50,000 crore equity infusion through MSME Fund of Funds.
iv. New revised criteria for classification of MSMEs.
v. New Registration of MSMEs through 'Udyam Registration' for Ease of Doing Business.
vi. No global tenders for procurement up to Rs. 200 crores, this will help MSME.

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