

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. * 335
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023

FINANCIAL INCLUSION OF MICRO BUSINESSES

*335. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of micro-businesses registered in the country compared to the total registered businesses under MSMEs;
- (b) the steps taken by Government for financial inclusion of micro-businesses, especially in digital payments;
- (c) the number of non-performing assets held by micro-businesses under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS); and
- (d) the reasons for the stagnation of 72 per cent of MSMEs in the country since 2018, and the steps taken by Government to address this?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
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(a): As per the Udyam Registration Portal, as on 28.03.2023 the total number of micro-businesses registered in the country is 1,60,04,286 in comparison of the total 1,65,69,665 registered businesses under MSMEs, including registered Informal Micro Enterprises on Udyam Assist Platform.

(b): Digital payments have increased financial inclusion, including MSMEs, as they offer anytime, anywhere access to accounts, thus making it easy. Easy and convenient modes of digital payments for onboarding MSMEs on digital platforms, such as Bharat Interface for Money-Unified Payments Interface (BHIM-UPI), Immediate Payment Service (IMPS), pre-paid payment instruments (PPIs) and National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) system have registered substantial growth and have transformed digital payment ecosystem by increasing person-to-person (P2P) as well as person-to-merchant (P2M) payments. Pre-existing payment modes such as debit cards, credit cards, National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) and Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) have also grown at a fast pace.

(c): As per Department of Financial Service, as on March 24, 2023, 17.27 lakh micro units supported under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme have been reported as Non-Performing Assets (NPAs).

(d): As per the information available on Udyam Registration Portal since its launch on 01.07.2020, the total investment and turnover of MSMEs which have registered during the last three years have shown an increasing trend, as detailed below:-

Year	Total Investment (In Rs. crore)	Total Turnover (In Rs. crore)
2020-21 (01/07/2020 - 31/03/2021)	46,57,12.80	5,48,97,43.15
2021-22	77,96,11.41	10,25,47,64.65
2022-23 (01/04/2022 – till 13.03.2023)	87,22,12.45	12,23,19,65.95

The Government has taken a number of initiatives to support MSMEs in the country. Some of these include:

- i. Rs.5 lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme for business, including MSMEs.
- ii. Rs. 50,000 crore equity infusion through Self Reliant India Fund.
- iii. New revised criteria for classification of MSMEs.
- iv. No global tenders for procurement up to Rs. 200 crores.
- v. Launch of “Udyam Registration Portal” for MSMEs w.e.f 01.07.2020, for Ease of Doing Business.
- vi. Launching of an online Portal “Champions” in June, 2020 to cover many aspects of e-governance including redressing grievances and handholding of MSMEs.
- vii. Inclusion of Retail and Wholesale traders as MSMEs as well as street vendors for availing benefits under Priority Sector Lending.
- viii. Non-tax benefits extended for 3 years in case of an upward change in status of MSMEs.
- ix. Launch of Udyam Assist Platform on 11.01.2023 to bring Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs) under the formal ambit for availing benefits under Priority Sector Lending.
