

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2175
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023

ASSISTANCE TO MSMEs

2175. SHRI MASTHAN RAO BEEDA:

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

- (a) whether Government plans on providing temporary subsidies to MSMEs in respect of items whose import duties have been hiked;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government plans to provide sensors, systems and other associated digital components at affordable rates to aid the digitization of MSMEs as the high cost of digital transformation remains a huge barrier for MSMEs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA)

(a) & (b): No Sir, however, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is implementing International Co-operation (IC) Scheme to encourage the producers/manufacturers of MSME products to increase exports of their products. Under the IC Scheme, the financial assistance is provided on reimbursement basis to the eligible Central/State Government organizations and Industry Associations to facilitate visit/participation of MSMEs in the international exhibitions/fairs/buyer-seller meets held abroad and for organizing international conference/seminar/workshops in India with the aim of technology upgradation, modernization, joint venture etc. Further, under the new component of IC Scheme namely Capacity Building of First Time Exporters (CBFTE) launched in June 2022, reimbursement is provided to new Micro & Small Enterprises(MSEs) exporters for costs incurred on Registration cum-Membership Certification (RCMC) with Export Promotion Councils (EPCs), Export Insurance Premium and Testing & Quality Certification for exports.

(c) & (d): To aid the digitization of MSMEs, Ministry of MSME has developed online Registration Portal viz. 'Udyam Registration' under which the MSMEs can register free of cost. Further through various portals such as SAMBANDH, SAMADHAN & CHAMPIONS the Ministry is helping MSMEs for online disposal of their issues.
