

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2183**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REVIVAL OF MSMEs**

2183. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that millions of people employed in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSMEs) in the country have lost their jobs due to reasons like demonetisation, cash crunch, import-export crisis, and escalating price rise of raw materials during COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, details thereof and steps taken by Government to restore the jobs of people rendered jobless and improve the status of MSMEs; and
- (c) whether Government has provided any financial assistance for revival of MSMEs in the country, particularly in Rajasthan and in Dausa constituency of the State and if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The COVID-19 pandemic affected the world economy, including the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in the country. The Government is aware of the difficulties faced by MSMEs and has taken a number of steps to resolve the issues faced by the MSME sector in the country, including Dausa constituency of Rajasthan State. Some of these are as follows:

- 1) Rs. 5 lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for businesses, including MSMEs in 2020 ; and Budget 2023-24 announcement for infusing Rs.9,000 crore in the corpus of CGTMSE to enable an additional credit of Rs. 2 lakh crore with reduced cost of the credit.
- 2) No global tenders for procurement up to Rs. 200 crore.
- 3) Inclusion of Retail and Wholesale traders as MSMEs w.e.f. 2.7.2021.
- 4) Non-tax benefits extended for 3 years in case of an upward change in status of MSMEs w.e.f. 18.10.2022.
- 5) “Udyam Registration” for MSMEs, for Ease of Doing Business w.e.f. 1.7.2020.
- 6) Launch of Udyam Assist Platform on 11.1.2023 to bring Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs) under the formal ambit for availing the benefits under Priority Sector Lending.
- 7) Budget 2023 announcement :
  - I. Infusion of Rs 9,000 crore Credit Guarantee Trust for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (CGTMSE) with reduced credit cost by about 1 per cent.
  - II. PM Vishwakarma KAushal Samman (PM VIKAS): Financial Assistance for traditional artisans and craftspeople to improve the quality, scale and reach of their products, integrating them with the MSME value chain, access to advanced skill training, knowledge of modern digital techniques and efficient green technologies, brand promotion, linkage with local and global markets, digital payments, and social security.
  - III. Vivad se Vishwas – Relief for MSMEs: In cases of failure by MSMEs to execute contracts during the Covid period, 95 per cent of the forfeited amount relating to bid or performance security, will be returned to them by government and government undertakings.
  - IV. Under Section 43B of Income Tax Act: Deduction has been allowed for expenditure incurred on payments only when payment is actually made to MSMEs.

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