

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2985**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023**

**DEVELOPMENT OF MSME CLUSTER IN MAHARASHTRA**

2985. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) whether Government has adopted the cluster approach for holistic development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed for selection of locations for the said purpose;
- (c) the details of MSME clusters that have become functional in Maharashtra; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by Government to expedite making all MSME clusters functional?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Ministry of MSME is implementing Micro and Small Enterprises – Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) across the country including Maharashtra. The objective of the scheme is to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) for their holistic development adopting cluster approach through financial assistance as Government of India (GoI) grant for establishment of Common Facility Centers (CFCs) in the existing clusters and for establishment of new / up-gradation of existing Industrial Areas / Estates / Flatted Factory Complexes.

Ministry of MSME also implements the Scheme of Funds for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) for making Traditional Industries more productive and competitive by organizing the Traditional Industries and artisans into clusters to provide support for their long-term sustainability and economies of scale.

(b): MSE-CDP is a demand driven Central Sector Scheme, wherein, State Government sends proposals for establishment of Common Facility Centers (CFCs) and establishment /up-gradation of Infrastructure Development (ID) projects as per requirements in clusters.

SFURTI is also a demand driven Central Sector Scheme which aims to cover traditional enterprises from diverse geographies of the country, with preference to uncovered areas, new districts, including niche traditional industries. Proposals are encouraged from all corners of the country through the network of Nodal agencies including NER, Hilly areas, tribal areas, aspirational districts, etc. The projects will be appraised based on the merit, strategies, project viability, impact on artisans, etc. as per the scheme guidelines

(c): 30 projects for setting up of Common Facility Center (CFC) under MSE-CDP have been approved in Maharashtra, out of which, 14 projects are completed.

Whereas, under SFURTI 27 clusters have been approved in Maharashtra, out of which, 16 clusters are functional.

(d): The several steps in processing the application have been simplified to expedite the approval as well as functioning of projects under MSE-CDP as per the new guidelines.

Under SFURTI, timeline for implementation of SFURTI clusters were 3 years which has been reduced to 12-18 months w.e.f. March, 2020.

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