

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3621**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023**

**CONDUCT OF STUDY FOR MSMEs**

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any study or analysis of current fiscal health and recovery of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any forensic audit of the impact of the schemes and beneficiaries who availed the stimulus package offered in the wake of COVID-19 Pandemic and if so, details thereof;
- (c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to onboard MSMEs on digital platforms;
- (d) the manner in which MSMEs are being supported to gain access to international markets; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to remove barriers in credit flow for MSMEs?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): As per the study conducted by SIDBI during September, 2021 to January, 2022 for a sample size of 1,029 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) spread across 20 States and 2 UTs, around 65% of the MSMEs surveyed, have availed the benefits under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) under AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan and around 36% of the respondents (MSMEs) also availed loans under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro & Small Enterprises. The study revealed that 67% of the respondent MSMEs were temporarily closed up to a period of three months due to COVID-19 pandemic. The survey data revealed a positive impact of the change in criteria of classification of MSMEs.

State Bank of India's research report dated 23.01.2023 on ECLGS, indicates that almost 14.6 lakh MSME accounts were saved due to ECLGS scheme (including restructured), of which about 93.7% of the accounts were in Micro and Small category.

(c): 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.

(d): This Ministry through International Cooperation Scheme provides support to MSMEs to gain access to international markets by facilitating visits/participation of MSMEs in international exhibitions/trade fairs/buyer-seller meet, etc. abroad and also holding international conferences/seminars/ workshops in India, for technology infusion, exploring business opportunities, joint ventures, etc.

(e): A number of recent initiatives have been taken by Government to improve credit flow to the MSME sector, in the country. These include:

1. Rs. 5 lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), for businesses including MSMEs.
2. Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS): Ministry of MSME has been operating Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro & Small Enterprises through Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro & Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) since July, 2000. Under this scheme upto 85% guarantee is extended upto credit facility of Rs. 200 lakh, for both term loan and working capital. Budget 2023-24 announced the infusion of 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.
3. Rs. 50,000 crore equity infusion through Self Reliant India Fund.
4. New revised criteria for classification of MSMEs.
5. No global tenders for procurement up to Rs. 200 crore.
6. "Udyam Registration" for MSMEs, for Ease of Doing Business w.e.f. 1.7.2020.
7. Launch of an online Portal "Champions" in June, 2020 to cover many aspects of e-governance including grievance redress and handholding of MSMEs.
8. Inclusion of Retail and Wholesale traders as MSMEs w.e.f. 2.7. 2021 for priority sector lending.
9. Non-tax benefits extended for 3 years in case of an upward change in status of MSMEs w.e.f. 18.10.2022.
10. Launch of Udyam Assist Platform on 11.1.2023 to bring Informal Micro Enterprises under the formal ambit for availing the benefits under Priority Sector Lending.

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