

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 446**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023**

**CLOSURE OF MSMEs**

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

- (a) the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) which have closed down during the period of April 2020 to October 2021;
- (b) the number of MSMEs in the tribal areas of the country; and
- (c) the action taken by Government to prevent the closure of these MSMEs and whether any special package was provided to the enterprises, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): The number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) which have shut down during the period of April 2020 to October 2021 were 1,468.
- (b): The total number of MSMEs registered during the period 01.07.2020 till 02.02.2023, including the tribal areas, on the Udyam Registration Portal in the country are 1,38,67,022.
- (c): 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. "Udyam Registration" for MSMEs, 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 the 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 (UAP) on 11.01.2023 to bring Informal Micro Enterprises (IMEs) under the formal ambit for availing the benefit under Priority Sector Lending (PSL).

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