

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1242
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN MSME SECTOR

1242. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

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

- (a) details of the cost of raw materials for the chemical industry during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the output of MSMEs in the chemical industry during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the fact that 100-200 per cent materials increase in price of raw materials has forced MSMEs in Gujarat's chemical sector to cut production by 50 per cent;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government has taken any steps such as providing subsidies or tax cuts to aid these MSMEs;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) does not maintain data with respect to cost of raw material for the chemical industry.

(e) to (g): Raw Material Assistance Scheme of National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) aims at helping MSMEs by way of financing the purchase of Raw Material (both indigenous & imported) which gives an opportunity to MSMEs to focus better on manufacturing quality products. The scheme is benefitting the MSMEs in facilitating procurement of Raw Material with credit support up to 180 days and to avail economies of purchases like bulk purchase, cash discount etc.
