

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025

CREDIT CARDS TO MSMEs OWNERS

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the lack of adequate credit support to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector in the country;
- (b) if so, whether there is any policy under process in order to increase the access to credit by the MSMEs;
- (c) whether Government has taken any initiatives to provide Trade Credit Cards to MSMEs like the Kisan Credit Cards; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a) & (b): A number of steps have been taken by Government of India to ensure adequate credit support for MSMEs in the country. Schemes such as Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS) for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), having provision of collateral free loan up to a limit of Rs. 500 lakh (w.e.f. 01.04.2023) to MSEs with guarantee coverage up to 90% for various category of loan, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for setting up of new micro enterprises in the non-farm sector by providing Margin Money subsidy on the Bank loan, Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme with a provision of 25% subsidy to SC/ST MSEs on institutional finance for procurement of Plant & Machinery/Equipment, PM Vishwakarma Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, etc. are implemented.

The details of the number of guarantees provided and the amount of guarantees approved under CGS are given below:

| Duration | 2000-01 to 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 to 2024-2025 |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Number of Guarantees Approved | 43,53,591 | 64,81,482 |
| Amount of Guarantees Approved (In Rs crore) | 2,28,704 | 6,55,987 |

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The details of the units assisted under PMEGP are as given below:

| Details of the Units assisted under PMEGP from FY 2014-15 till FY 2023-24 | | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Number of Units Assisted | Sanctioned Loan Amount | Margin Money (MM) Subsidy | Employment Opportunities Generated |
| 6.86 Lakhs (Micro Enterprises) | Rs. 53,296 Crores | Rs. 19,739 Crores | 54 Lakhs |

The enhancement of credit guarantee ceiling under CGS from Rs. 5 crore to Rs. 10 crore has been announced in the Union Budget 2025-26. Further, announcement for a new scheme to provide term loans up to Rs.2 crore to Women, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes first-time entrepreneurs has also been made in Union Budget 2025-26.

(c) & (d): It was announced in Union Budget 2025-26, that the Government will introduce customized Credit Cards with Rs. 5 lakh limit for micro enterprises registered on Udyam Portal. As informed by Department of Financial Services, in the first year, 10 lakh such cards will be issued and the implementation of the Budget announcement has been taken up.
