

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

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BIS CONCESSIONS TO MSMEs

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(OIH)

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether BIS provides any concessions/exemptions to facilitate participation of MSMEs and Start-Ups;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether MSMEs are provided any financial or technical assistance by BIS for testing and certification; and
- (d) the number of MSMEs granted BIS Licenses in the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) & (b) : Financial incentives are provided by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to MSMEs in annual minimum marking fee with concession of 80% (for Micro scale / Start-up units), 50% (Small scale units) and 20% (Medium scale units). An additional concession of 10% is also provided to units which are either located in north-east areas or women entrepreneur MSME units.

Fees structure of Laboratory Recognition Scheme (LRS) has been revised and initial application fee has been reduced from Rs. 40,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- for Micro and Small scale Labs / Women owned Labs & Rs. 20,000/- for Medium scale laboratories.

The recognition fees/renewal recognition fees has been also reduced from Rs.1,00,000/- to Rs. 60,000/- for MSMEs and Women Entrepreneur.

Further, inclusion application and processing fees has been done away with in order to encourage laboratory to get more and more Indian Standards/products included in the scope of recognition.

(c) : BIS has implemented the following financial and technical relaxations to MSME sector ;

The requirement of maintaining in-house laboratory has been made optional for MSME units. MSME units are allowed to utilize the services of outside BIS recognized laboratories, NABL accredited labs or even sharing of resources like cluster based labs or laboratories of other manufacturing units.

Further, the ‘Levels of Control’ prescribed with the Scheme of Inspection and Testing (SIT) are made recommendatory in nature. The manufacturer has the choice to define their own control unit/batch/lot and their own Levels of Control and inform BIS.

For domestic manufacturers, Operations of product certification activities and processes involved across all the Branch Offices (BOs) in the country have been digitized through an Online platform “Manak online”. The renewal of certifications for domestic manufacturers has also been made automatic without any human intervention. The manufacturer can simply submit the renewal application at his convenience and after the online submission, the renewal endorsement gets generated extending the validity of certification.

Further, targeted awareness and training programmes for the industry at localised level with sector specific focus are conducted by BIS focusing on Standards, measures to implement them and obtain BIS certification.

Manak Samvaad dialogue with certified manufacturers is conducted by BIS to impart orientation and integrate them into the quality ecosystem.

BIS has strengthened its engagement with stakeholders at the grass root level including local manufacturers, especially MSMEs to bridge the gap between standards development and their practical implementation. Besides creating avenues for feedback at the draft stage of Standards development, BIS through ‘Manak Manthan’ also engages at the stage of formulation of new standards and revision of existing standards.

Further product specific training courses known as ‘capsule courses’ are conducted by BIS across the country. These are short term courses of 1-2 days customised to cater to the specific product of interest to the Industry focusing on the requirements of the concerned Indian Standard. These courses are offered free of charge to the MSMEs.

(d): The number of MSMEs granted BIS licenses in the last three years are as below:

FY	Granted to MSMEs			
	Micro	Medium	Small	Total
FY 2022-2023	2823	742	1066	4631
FY 2023-2024	3758	917	1527	6202
FY 2024-2025	4335	1481	2135	7951
