

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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MSME EXPORTS GROWTH

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

- (a) whether exports of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector have posted growth during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the number of employment generated in these sectors have decreased or increased during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor for decrease, if any; and
- (e) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to encourage and generate more employment in the MSME sector?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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(a)&(b): The export growth of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registered growth during 2014-15 and 2016-17, but a decline in 2015-16. The export growth rate of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector at the 4-digit Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System) (ITC-HS) during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 were 4.19%, -5.85% and 4.82%, respectively.

(c)&(d): The year-wise information on employment generated in the MSME sector is not maintained centrally. However, as per the 73rd Round of the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation's survey of "Unincorporated non-agricultural Enterprises (excluding Construction)", conducted during July 2015 to June 2016, the total employment in the MSME Sector was 1109.89 lakh.

(e): The Government encourages and generates more employment in the MSME sector through its various schemes and programmes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme, Micro & Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme and its various skill development programmes. Most of the programmes as mentioned above are having, as their primary aim, the facilitation of the MSMEs in all the aspects of their functioning including augmentation of flow of institutional credit and of their share in the procurement of Central and State public enterprises as well as of general market access for them so that number of jobs in the MSME sector goes up substantially as a consequence. The PMEGP is aiming directly at augmentation of employment in the MSME Sector, with a subsidy component.
