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

(a) whether there has been an unprecedented increase in sickness of Small Scale Industries (SSIs) units in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(c) the steps taken by the Government to remove recession in SSI sector during the last three years;
(d) whether the Government is considering constituting a committee of experts to look into the matter and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) whether the Government has taken or proposed to take any necessary measures to tackle the increasing problem of sick small scale units and if so, the details thereof till date and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

(SHRI NITIN GADKARI)

(a) to (e): The Reserve bank of India has issued a ‘Framework for Revival and Rehabilitation of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Under this Framework, banks have been advised to identify incipient stress in the MSME accounts and refer it to the Committees formed under the Framework for suitable Corrective Action Plan viz. rectification, restructuring and recovery. As per the information received from Reserve Bank of India (RBI), stressed accounts referred to the Corrective Action Plan Committee during the half year ended March 2017, September 2017, March 2018 and September, 2018 are 1,00,803; 87,062; 1,30,208 and 1,50,165 respectively. There is no proposal in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to constitute a committee on sickness/recession in MSME Sector.

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises implements various schemes for benefit of MSMEs in all part of India including aspirational/backward districts, which include Prime Minister’s Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Micro and Small Enterprises-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), Scheme for Promotion of MSMEs in North Eastern Region and Sikkim, Tool Rooms & Technology Centers, Mission Solar Charkha (MSC), Scheme for Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), PROCUREMENT and Marketing Support Scheme, Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme (ESDP), Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) and Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Upgradation Scheme (CLCS-TUS)

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