

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1449
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022

PLASTIC INDUSTRY

1449. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

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

- (a) the total number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) engaged in the plastic industry in the country as on date;
- (b) the total number of people employed by MSMEs in the plastic industry as on date;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any study to analyse the impact of the ban on identified Single Use Plastic (SUP) items as on July 1, 2022 on the MSME industry;
- (d) whether the Government is cognizant of concerns raised by MSMEs in the plastic industry that the ban on SUPs affects them disproportionately than large manufacturers;
- (e) whether the Government is aware that shifting to sustainable alternatives as per the notified Guidelines on Extended Producers Responsibility is not cost effective for MSMEs without the Government support; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to ease the burden of compliance with the SUP ban on MSMEs?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per UDYAM portal of this Ministry, there are about 1.3 lakh Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) registered and engaged in the plastic industry in the country as on date, which have employed about 16.5 lakh people.

(c) to (f): Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has done several consultations with the Plastic Industries Associations/MSMEs so as to analyse the impact of the ban on identified Single Use Plastic (SUP) items and based on their feedback & representations, a Comprehensive Action Plan (CAP) has been prepared for providing support to the concerned MSMEs, so as to ease the burden of compliance with respect to the ban. The CAP interalia includes; assistance for setting up alternative enterprises through Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Promoting Innovations through MSME Champions Scheme, Creation of Infrastructural support for waste recyclers through Micro & Small Enterprises –Cluster Development Program (MSE-CDP) Scheme to enable them for their Extended Producer's Responsibility (EPR) management, creating awareness through workshops and webinars, marketing support through Public Procurement Policy (PPP) for MSEs, trade fairs & exhibitions.
