GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2619 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2022

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2619. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI: SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that most of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are facing difficulty in meeting regulatory requirements and scientific queries from regulatory agencies with respect to exports and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide financial support to such service offering companies so that the roadblock in reaching out to export markets may be removed; and
- (c) if so, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has not received any report regarding difficulty in meeting regulatory requirements and scientific queries from regulatory agencies with respect to exports.
- (b) & (c): Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises does not provide any financial support to any company for the purpose of offering services for regulatory requirements. However, the following steps have been taken to promote export markets by the Ministry:
- 1. Developing Detailed Project Report (DPR) Bank for import substitution- To provide first hand support to MSMEs willing to set up/diversify their units to manufacture import substitution products, Office of DC(MSME) has prepared DPRs. In the first phase, forty five numbers of Detailed Project Reports have already been prepared, especially for reducing the import of items reserved for exclusive procurement from MSEs. The DPRs have been hosted on the website of O/o DC- MSME.
- 2. The bouquet of schemes/programmes supporting export promotion/indigenization- Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro & Small Enterprises, Micro & Small Enterprises-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), SFURTI, ZED, Incubator, LEAN, Digital MSME, IPR, Procurement and Marketing Support Scheme (PMS), etc. of the Ministry of MSME are assisting MSMEs to boost export competitiveness.
- 3. Facilitation for Export Related Testing-The testing facilities available at MSME-Testing Centres, MSME-Testing Stations and MSME-Technology Centres have been augmented to match with mandatory export related requirements as per International, BIS and other National Standards. MSME-Testing Centres are NABL accredited also. The common facilities centres being set up under MSE-CDP have provision for creation of testing facilities. MSMEs are encouraged to utilize facilities available at these centres.

4. International Cooperation (IC) Scheme- Ministry of MSME is implementing IC Scheme, under which financial assistance is provided on reimbursement basis to the eligible Central/State Government organizations and Industry Associations to facilitate visit/participation of MSMEs in the international exhibitions/fairs/buyer-seller meets held abroad and for organizing international conference/seminar/workshops in India with the aim of technology up-gradation, modernization, joint venture, etc., which supports the MSME sector in exports. Further, a new component of IC Scheme, namely Capacity Building of First Time Exporters (CBFTE) has been launched in June 2022 under which reimbursement is provided to new Micro & Small Enterprises (MSE) exporters for costs incurred on Registration-cum-Membership Certification (RCMC) with EPCs, Export Insurance Premium and Testing & Quality Certification for exports.
