GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1232 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023

INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA LINKAGES FOR MSMES

1232. SHRI M. V. V. SATYANARAYANA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any initiatives to ensure industry-academia linkages for MSMEs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has implemented any other schemes for facilitating knowledge exchange in the MSME sector, especially in rural areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has been implementing MSME Innovative Scheme under MSME Champions Scheme to ensure industry-academia linkages for MSMEs. The scheme has provision of associating with Academic Institutions as Host Institutes (HIs) and Implementing Agencies (IAs) to nurture ideas, Design Development, Patents supports to MSMEs. As on date, 632 Academic Institutions are recognized as Host Institutes (HIs) under Incubation component, 18 premier Academic Institutions (Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, Indian Institute of Technology (s), National Institute of Technology (s) as Implementing Agencies for Design component.
- (c) & (d): Ministry is also implementing Schemes for overall and sustainable development of MSMEs in the country including rural areas through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Coir Board, National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC), National Institute for MSME(NI-MSME) and MSME Technology Centres, Central Coir Research Institute (CCRI), Kalavoor and Central Institute of Coir Technology (CICT), Bengaluru in the areas such as Modernization of Production Processes in coir sector, Skill & Training Programmes, Development of Machinery and Equipments, Product Development and Diversification, Development of Environment Friendly Technology, Technology transfer, Incubation, Testing & Service facilities etc.