

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3596
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

SEPARATE DIVISION FOR MICRO-ENTERPRISES

3596. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal or plan to create a separate division for micro-enterprises within the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Ministry;
- (b) if so, the manner in which it would facilitate access to formal credit, technology, marketing and business development opportunities for micro-enterprises;
- (c) whether a separate division for micro-enterprises would assist micro-enterprises in participating more effectively in Government schemes like the PMEGP which provides financial assistance for setting up new enterprises and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the insights being provided by the Government into the specific policies and support mechanisms that would be put in place to enable micro-MSMEs to scale up and compete with larger players in their industries;
- (e) the Ministry's projections and timelines for the growth of India's MSME sector; and
- (f) the steps taken to ensure coordination and collaboration among various stakeholders to drive the growth and success of the micro-MSME sector in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): No Sir. There is no proposal or plan to create a separate division for micro-enterprises within the Ministry of MSME.

(d) to (f): The Ministry of MSME, through its various schemes and programmes and policy initiatives, helps the micro, small and medium enterprises to scale up and to compete with large players.

The schemes/programmes inter alia include Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, Micro and Small Enterprises-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), MSME Champions, Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme (ESDP), Procurement and Marketing Support Scheme (PMSS) and National SC/ST Hub (NSSH). Growth of MSME Sector is an ongoing process and the Ministry of MSME is continuously working towards the growth of India's MSME sector through these schemes and programmes. The Ministry interacts with stakeholders on a regular basis. For micro enterprises various steps have been taken, including the following:

- Public Procurement Policy order, 2012 (Amended in 2018) mandates that a minimum 25 percent share out of the total annual procurement by Central Government Ministries/ Departments / Public Sector Undertakings, is to be made from Micro and Small Enterprises.
- Ministry of MSME, under PMSS, provides financial assistance of 80% of one-time registration fee and annual recurring fee (for first three years) to micro enterprises only, for obtaining up to 100 Nos. of bar codes.
- For adoption of e-Commerce Platform by micro enterprises, financial assistance is provided for selling their products or services (up to 10 new products) through portal "MSME Global Mart".
- The Ministry of MSME has launched Udyam Assist Platform (UAP) on 11.01.2023 to bring the Informal Micro Enterprises under the formal ambit for availing the benefit under Priority Sector Lending.
