GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 866
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023

CREATION OF NEW JOBS IN MSME SECTOR

866.   SHRI RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:

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

(a)   whether the Government proposes to create new jobs as compensation for the loss of livelihood caused due to phasing out or reducing reliance on industries like plastic and coal (Unsustainable Industries) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b)   whether the Government proposes to ease the transition of the MSME industries involved in these sectors, 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 & Medium Enterprises has prepared Comprehensive Action Plan (CAP) and it is being implemented to ease the transition of the MSME industries involved for Phasing out of notified Single Use Plastic (SUP) items. The CAP interalia includes; assistance for   setting up alternative enterprises through Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Promoting Innovations through MSME Champions Scheme, creating awareness through workshops and webinars, Marketing support through Public Procurement Policies (PPP) for MSEs, trade fairs & exhibitions.

        Further, Ministry of Coal informed that, India is augmenting its coal production for meeting the increasing energy needs. Total coal consumption in India is yet to peak. Therefore, some mines may close down due to exhaustion of reserves but at the same time, many new coal mines are being operationalized to meet the growing energy demand. These mines are not only ensuring affordability and energy security of the nation but also providing new additional opportunities for new employment and redeployment of workers in new mines from the to-be-closed mines to ensure better livelihood and also generate indirect employment opportunities in coal regions.

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