

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1884
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.09.2020

LOSS OF MSME UNITS DUE TO COVID-19

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Covid-19 disruption have proven fatal for many of India's MSME units;
- (b) if so, the details of the number of MSME units affected in the Country including Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the Government is also aware that this has rendered many people jobless for indefinite time especially the rural people and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the scheme formulated by the Government to bail out these enterprises; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for the survival of rural people who became jobless due to this pandemic?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI)

(a) to (c): COVID-19 epidemic has temporarily affected various sectors including Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises which also affected job scenario in the Country including Tamil Nadu.

Under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), the estimated employment generated (number of persons) in micro enterprises during the years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 (as on 31.08.2020) are 3.87 lakh, 5.87 lakh, 5.33 lakh and 1.10 lakh, respectively.

(d) to (e): The Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and programmes for growth and development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in the country. These schemes and programmes include Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), A Scheme for Promoting Innovation, Rural Industry & Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE), Interest Subvention Scheme for Incremental Credit to MSMEs, Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP).

Recently, Post Covid-19, Government has taken a number of initiatives under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to support the MSME sector in the country especially in Covid-19 pandemic. Some of them are:

- i) Rs 20,000 crore Subordinate Debt for MSMEs.
- ii) Rs 3 lakh crores Collateral free Automatic Loans for business, including MSMEs.
- iii) Rs. 50,000 crore equity infusion through MSME Fund of Funds.
- iv) New revised criteria for classification of MSMEs.
- v) New Registration of MSMEs through 'Udyam Registration' for Ease of Doing Business.
- vi) No global tenders for procurement up to Rs. 200 crores, this will help MSME.

Other credit linked scheme of Ministry of MSME include 2% Interest Subvention Scheme, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Credit linked capital Subsidy and Technology Upgradation Scheme (CLCS-TUS) and Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises.

An online Portal "Champions" has been launched on 01.06.2020 by Hon'ble Prime Minister. This covers many aspects of e-governance including grievance redressal and handholding of MSMEs. Through the portal, total 19,593 grievances have been redressed upto 17.09.2020.
