GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 841
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.09.2020

MANUFACTURE OF PPE KITS IN MSME SECTOR

841.   SHRI A. RAJA:

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

(a)   whether the Government had manufactured more than five lakh PPE kits in each day in MSME sector during lockdown ;

(b)   if so, the details thereof ;

(c)   whether the Government has supplied sufficient number of PPE Kits to both Government and Private Hospitals during lockdown ;

(d)   if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(e)   whether the Government had exported the PPE Kits to different parts of globe during lockdown and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI NITIN GADKARI)

(a) & (b):   Yes, Sir. During lockdown period, 1100 indigenous manufacturers of PPE kits were developed by the Government, most of which were from MSME sector. The capacity and production of PPE Coveralls for COVID-19 touched a peak of 5 lakh PPE Coveralls per day in mid May 2020.

(c) & (d):   Government has supplied sufficient number of PPE Kits to Government Hospitals during lockdown. As per the information received from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, as on 01.09.2020, a total of 1.36 crore PPE kits have been supplied to M/s HLL Lifecare Ltd. – the procurement arm of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for use of health professionals in government hospitals. Presently, the country has sufficient raw material and production capacity of PPE Coveralls to meet the domestic demand.

(e) :   In view of the pandemic, to ensure sufficient availability of PPE Coveralls in the country, export of PPE Coveralls and masks were banned vide DGFT's notification dated 31st January, 2020. PPE Coverall exports were permitted with quantitative restrictions of 50 lakh per month vide DGFT notification dated 29th June, 2020. The ban on exports of PPE Coveralls was lifted by DGFT on 25th August, 2020.

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