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Roadmap to Assist MSMEs

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

(a) whether the Government has prepared a roadmap to assist MSMEs and revive their businesses from the impact of COVID-19;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the scheme-wise and State-wise bifurcation of number of beneficiaries;

(c) whether physical non-availability of workers during COVID-19 is a factor that contributed to MSMEs shutting down;

(d) whether there is any plan to enhance skills of MSMEs and impart skill development to persons employed with MSMEs in lieu of the new normal, in light of COVID-19, when geopolitics and production methodologies have changed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI NARAYAN RANE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has announced various relief measures for several sectors under the AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan and has taken a number of initiatives to support the MSME Sector in the country, especially in Covid-19 pandemic situation. Some of them are:-

- Rs 20,000 crore Subordinate Debt for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- Rs. 3 lakh crores Collateral free Automatic Loans for business, including MSMEs.
- Rs. 50,000 crore equity infusion through MSME Fund of Funds.
- New revised criteria for classification of MSMEs. Retail and wholesale trades are also included under MSMEs.
- New Registration of MSMEs through 'Udyam Registration' for Ease of Doing Business.
- No global tenders for procurement up to Rs. 200 crores.
- Further, two World Bank projects relating to the MSME sector viz. Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Emergency Response Project and Raising and Accelerating Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Performance (RAMP) have been approved for loan amount of USD 750 million and USD 500 million, respectively.

(c): As per the online study conducted by National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) to understand the operational capabilities and difficulties faced by the beneficiaries of NSIC schemes amid Covid-19 pandemic, critical problems faced by MSMEs were identified, which include labour as one of them.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. As informed by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) there are programs/schemes meant for imparting skill development to persons employed with industrial enterprises, including MSMEs in light of COVID 19. Some of them are:-

- Atmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping (ASEEM): MSDE on 10.7.2020 launched 'Atmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping (ASEEM)' portal to help skilled people find sustainable livelihood opportunities.
- National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has promoted online skilling through eSkill India portal during the pandemic induced lockdown. In the field of long-term training, the Directorate General of Training (DGT) under MSDE has launched Bharat Skill Portal.
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission through its 34 departmental, Non-departmental and State Khadi and Village Industries Board's training Centres imparts training in various field related to Khadi and Village Industries.
