GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2759 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022

DIFFICULTIES FACED BY MSMEs DURING PANDEMIC

2759. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE:

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

(a) whether any survey has been undertaken to evaluate the condition of start-ups and MSMEs after Covid-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government provided any time extensions to start ups and MSMEs for contracts with PSUs and the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the current pendency of bill payments from PSUs and the Government to MSMEs and start-ups?

ANSWER

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

(a): An online study of 5,774 MSMEs spread across 32 States & UTs was conducted by National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) in August 2020. NSIC's study found that 91% of the MSME respondents were found to be functional. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has conducted a study of 10,519 respondent MSMEs in March, 2020. KVIC's study found that 88% of beneficiaries of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) scheme were negatively affected due to Covid-19 while the remaining 12% stated that they benefitted during Pandemic. In a study of 1,029 MSMEs spread across 20 States & 2 UTs conducted during September, 2021 - January, 2022 by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) 67% of respondent MSMEs were found to be temporarily closed for upto a period of 3 months.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): The current pendency of bill payments from PSUs and the Government to MSEs as per the data available on SAMADHAAN Portal as on 14.03.2022 is Rs. 2,857.78 Cr.