GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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MODERNISATGION OF MSMEs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that technology is the foremost factor for enhancing the global competitiveness of Indian Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether technology, generally used by MSME sector is a major cause for poor competitiveness of this sector;

(d) whether there is an urgent need to develop appropriate technologies for various manufacturing processes to bring down cost in MSME sector in the county including Haryana; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (c): It is generally believed that technology is the foremost factor for enhancing the global competitiveness of Indian MSME sector. MSMEs often use outdated/conventional technologies because of lack of sufficient finance, lack of access to modern technology, absence of in-house research & development etc.

(d)&(e): In order to address this, the Ministry of MSME is implementing various schemes/programmes all over the country including Haryana, such as, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS), Technology and Quality Upgradation Programme (TEQUP), Design Clinic Scheme, Lean Manufacturing Competitiveness Scheme, Quality Management System and Quality Technology Tools (QMS/QTT) and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) under National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP) for Technology Upgradation of MSMEs.

This Ministry is also implementing the Micro & Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) to enhance global competitiveness of MSEs.

Ministry of MSME has established 18 Technology Centres (Tool Room and Technology Centres) spread across the country to meet the technological and skilled manpower need of industry specially the MSMEs. The Ministry is also implementing the programme titled "Technology Centre Systems Programme (TCSP)" for expanding and upgrading the network of Technology Centres (TCs) by establishing 15 new TCs and upgrading the existing TCs to meet the enhanced need of the MSME sector.