

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1972
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2026

IMPACT OF WEST ASIA CONFLICT ON KOVILPATTI PEANUT CANDY MSMEs

1972. SMT. KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

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

- (a) the total number of registered and operational Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) units engaged in the manufacture of peanut candy in the Kovilpatti region of Thoothukudi during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of peanut candy units that have closed down during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that exports of GI-tagged Kovilpatti peanut candy to Gulf countries have been severely affected due to the ongoing conflict in West Asia and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the ongoing disruption in exports of Kovilpatti peanut candy, including the number of manufacturers affected, the estimated value of unsold stock, the number and value of export orders cancelled and the number of workers whose livelihoods have been impacted and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

- (a): As per the Udyam Registration Portal, the year-wise number of registered and operational MSMEs, engaged in the manufacturing of peanut candy, in the Thoothukudi (also known as Tuticorin) District of Tamil Nadu during the last five years is at **Annexure-I**.
- (b): As per Udyam Registration Portal, no MSMEs engaged in the manufacturing of peanut candy have closed their activity, in the Thoothukudi (also known as Tuticorin) District of Tamil Nadu.
- (c) and (d): The Ministry of MSME has not received any specific representation regarding impact on exports of GI-tagged Kovilpatti peanut candy. However, Government has launched ECLGS 5.0 on 5th May, 2026 inter alia to provide upto 20% of the peak fund-based working capital to MSMEs with 100% guarantee cover upto Rs 100 crore per borrower. Out of total outlay of Rs. 2.55 lakh crores under ECLGS 5.0, Rs. 2 lakh crore is earmarked for MSMEs.

Annexure-I

The Annexure referred in part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1972 due for answer on 30.07.2026

Year wise number of registered MSMEs engaged in manufacture of Peanut Candy (NIC Code- 10733) on Udyam Registration Portal in Thoothukudi (Tuticorin) of Tamil Nadu State	
Year	No. of MSMEs
2020-21 (01/07/2020 - 31/03/2021)	8
2021-22	12
2022-23	13
2023-24	13
2024-25	15
2025-26	6
Total	67