

Clusters for development and expansion of SMEs

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that clusters have been set up for the development and expansion of small and medium enterprises in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of clusters existing in the country at present;
- (c) the number of total industrial units existing in these clusters; and
- (d) the additional facilities extended by Government to the units established in these clusters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Industrial clusters throughout the country are being provided assistance by the Government for their holistic development.

(b) As per the report of Third All India Census of Small Scale Industries 2001-02, there are 1223 clusters in the registered SSI sector and 819 in the unregistered SSI sector.

(c) The total number of industrial units in clusters in the registered SSI sector are 4,55,139 and in clusters in the unregistered SSI sector are 14,55,754 as on 31st March 2007.

(d) Under cluster development programmes/schemes, soft interventions (training, exposure, workshops, seminars, market development, website development, etc.) and hard interventions (creation of tangible assets like Common Facility Centres for testing, design, research and development, training, etc.) are undertaken for the clusters, depending upon the requirements of the clusters. 438 clusters with financial approvals worth Rs 76.19 crore, have been undertaken under the 'Micro and Small Enterprises- Cluster Development Programme' of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

Adverse effect of cheap Chinese imports on SMEs

815. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cheap Chinese imports have direct adverse effect on the small and medium enterprises in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether SMEs have asked Government to take strict anti-dumping measures to stop cheaper Chinese imports;

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