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17.	Ratnagiri	107	306	202
18.	Sangli	267	576	349
19.	Satara	489	578	148
20.	Sindhudurg	139	311	108
21.	Solapur	503	1020	487
22.	Thane	447	856	290
23.	Amravati	287	931	667
24.	Akola	541	718	502
25.	Bhandara	143	421	326
26.	Buldhana	406	722	691
27.	Chandrapur	288	646	483
28.	Gadchiroli	143	272	373
29.	Gondia	161	455	330
30.	Nagpur	719	1052	586
31.	Wardha	257	513	310
32.	Washim	379	745	498
33.	Yavatmal	354	554	575
34.	Mumbai Suburb	0	264	225
35.	Mumbai City	0	129	88
TOTAL		12221	19737	15199

Revival of small scale industries

1189. MS. MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of small scale industries closed down during the last five years;
- (b) the number of people who have lost their employment on account of this, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the main reasons for closure of these small scale industries; and

(d) how Government proposes to revive these small scale industries since they generate large number of employment opportunities?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Information on closure among Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in registered sector is obtained through conduct of periodic census of MSMEs. As per results of Fourth All India Census of MSMEs in registered sector, the cumulative number of enterprises closed down in the country was 4.96 lakhs, as on 31.3.07. Number of people employed by these MSMEs is 93.09 lakhs, as per 4th All India Census (2006-07), which grew by 51.04% compared to 3rd All India Census (2001-02). Hence there has been no net loss of overall employment.

(c) and (d) Main reasons for closure are financial non-viability due to changing business environment, lack of demand, obsolete technology, non-availability of raw material, infrastructural constraints, inadequate and delayed credit and managerial deficiencies.

Keeping in view different constraints on MSMEs, Government, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Public Sector Banks had taken several measures for MSMEs which, *inter-alia*, include: (i) extending loan limit under Credit Guarantee Scheme from Rs. 50 lakhs to Rs. 1 crore (with a guarantee cover of 50 per cent); (ii) increasing guarantee cover under Credit Guarantee Scheme from 80 per cent to 85 per cent for credit facility up to Rs. 5 lakhs; (iii) interest subvention of 2 per cent in pre-and post-shipment export credit to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and (iv) reduction in interest rates for borrowing by micro enterprises by 1 per cent and in respect of SMEs by 0.5 per cent.

Problems of MSMEs in NER

1190. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of MSMEs in the North Eastern Region (NER) are facing multi-faceted challenges compared to their counterparts in other regions of the country including acute shortage of electricity which is threatening their survival;

(b) if so, the details thereof and upto date assessment thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government proposes to address the electricity shortage faced by MSMEs; and

(d) if so, the details of the special incentives in this regard including the development of renewable energy projects?