

(c) and (d) Development of rural and agro industries is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. However, Government supports the efforts of State Governments through a number of interventions. Project proposals under PMEGP for setting up micro-enterprises including agro-based industries are submitted by individual beneficiaries to the implementing agencies such as DICs under State Government, State KVIBs and KVIC State/Divisional offices. These are then screened by District Level Task Force and recommended to Banks. During the current year (upto 28.02.2011) 2,94,205 applications were received under PMEGP by the implementing agencies out of which 1,39,341 proposals were recommended to Banks. In addition, Government in Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises provides assistance for the development of clusters including agro based ones under Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP). A total number of 244 MSE clusters including agro based ones have so far been completed. Another 244 MSE clusters are in various stages of development. Also, in traditional sector, the Government has taken up around 105 clusters for the development under Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) including 23 agro based ones.

Setting up of clusters for micro and small units

1953. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved the setting up of clusters with common infrastructure facilities for the micro and small units;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had approved the proposals for establishment of industrial estates and upgrading the existing ones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implementing Micro and Small Enterprises - Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) Scheme for development of MSEs in clusters through interventions leading to setting up of Common Facility Centres and Infrastructure Upgradation.

(c) and (d) Yes, under infrastructure development component of MSE-CDP scheme, 130 proposals have been approved for infrastructure development.

Impact of global melt down on MSME sector

1954. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state: