

imparting training in the country including Uttarakhand through 22 departmental and 18 non-departmental training centres. 2 of these are located in Uttarakhand.

(b) and (c) Improvement and upgradation of training centres is a continuous process, through the grants received by KVIC for human resource development and marketing.

(d) and (e) KVIC has reported that it received one proposal during 2011-12 from Manipur State for establishment of a new training-cum-production centre for pottery on cost sharing basis between State Government and KVIC. The matter has not been referred to or considered in the Ministry.

#### **Setting up of agro based industries**

4891. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any project proposals from Kerala Government for financial assistance for setting up of any kind of agro based industries in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or going to be taken on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH): (a) Central Government in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has not received any specific proposal from the State Government of Kerala for financial assistance to set up agro- based industries in the State.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### **MOU on international cooperation on SMSE**

4892. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

the details of Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) signed by the Ministry till date in the field of international cooperation during the last five financial years?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH): This Ministry enters into long term Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with various countries for promoting

cooperation in the field of MSMEs in the broad areas of capacity building, joint actions to improve investments, survey and feasibility studies, partnership projects, exhibitions and trade fairs, exchange of business missions, exchange of information, etc.

During the last five financial years, the Ministry has entered into Agreements/ MOUs with the following countries:

Financial Year	Name of the Country	Type of Agreement	Counterpart Ministry/ Organisation	Date and place of signing
2007-08	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2008-09	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2009-10	Arab Republic of Egypt	Joint Action Plan	Ministry of Trade and Industry	29/10/2009 Cairo
2010-11	Republic of Botswana	Memorandum of Understanding	Government of the Republic of Botswana	17/06/2010 New Delhi
	Republic of Korea	Memorandum of Understanding	Small and Medium Business Administration	18/06/2010 Korea
	Republic of Mozambique	Memorandum of Understanding	Ministry of Industry and Commerce	30/09/2010 New Delhi
	Republic of Indonesia	Memorandum of Understanding	Ministry for Cooperatives and Small and Medium Enterprises	25/01/2011 New Delhi
2011-12	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The MOUs are available on the website [msme.gov.in](http://msme.gov.in)

#### **Facilities and affordable technologies**

4893. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to reach the grass-root level and provide facilities and affordable technologies;