

(d) and (e) Under the flagship programme, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme of the Ministry, the top five States who have taken maximum benefit in setting up of units are West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Bihar and Tamil Nadu during the year 2011-12. Under the Credit Guarantee Scheme, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are the top five States in terms of number of proposals approved till the end of October, 2012. All States are taking appropriate steps to promote MSMEs.

Protection of MSMEs

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

(a) whether the Central Government is aware that a large number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have either downed their shutters or are struggling for survival due to expensive credit, non-availability of funds, increasing power shortages, etc;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has since contemplated any measures to protect MSMEs across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Sir, based on the Fourth All India Census of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), with reference year 2006-07, wherein the data was collected till 2009, 4.96 lakh registered units were found closed. As per the data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as at the end of March, 2012, there were 89,642 sick MSMEs in the country, of which banks found 10,596 as viable, 72,964 as non-viable and for 6,082 units viability was to be decided.

(c) and (d) The Government has been facilitating the promotion and development of MSMEs through implementation of various schemes/programmes relating to credit, infrastructure development, technology upgradation, etc. The major schemes include Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme, Performance and Credit Rating Scheme, Cluster Development Programme, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme.