

**Promotion of MSMEs**

\*399. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY : Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals the Ministry has chalked out to promote Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs); and

(b) whether the Ministry proposes to give free or subsidized electricity to MSMEs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA) : (a) For the promotion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) is implementing various schemes/programmes in the area of credit, technology, skill development and marketing. The major schemes/programmes include Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP), Tool Room and Technical Institutions, Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS), Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS), Performance and Credit Rating Scheme (PCRS), Cluster Development Programme (CDP), Market Development Assistance Scheme and Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Programme.

(b) No, Sir. Electricity is the subject matter related to State Governments.

**Setting up of the University for Minorities at Srirangapatnam**

\*400. Dr. PRABHAKAR KORE : Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up more universities for education of minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the current status of the proposed University for Minorities at Srirangapatnam in Karnataka;

(d) by when the University is likely to start functioning; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN) :

(a) Yes, Sir.