(e)   The recommendations of the Task Force were to address the major areas of concern for the MSME sector and not specific for any particular State except for the States of Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern region.

Monitoring cell on working of MSME sector

1353. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a)   the details of major issues highlighted about the Ministry and the funds allocated to the Ministry during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(b)   whether the Ministry incorporated and integrated the points highlighted in the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(c)   if so, the details thereof;

(d)   if not, the reasons therefor;

(e)   whether there is any monitoring cell to oversee that the Ministry move in tandem with the issues highlighted in the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(f)   if so, the details thereof; and

(g)   if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (d) The major issues relating to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector as highlighted in the Twelfth Five Year Plan document focus on the problems faced by the sector in the areas of Credit & Finance, Technology Upgradation, Marketing Assistance, Infrastructural Support, Skill Development and Institutional Structure. An amount of Rs.24,124.00 crore have been allocated to the Ministry of MSME during the Twelfth Five Year Plan to implement various schemes and programmes for the development of the sector.

(e) to (g) Planning Commission reviews the progress of implementation of various schemes of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises during annual plan discussions. Beside, Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry also reviews the performance of the various schemes during the meeting/ discussions on Demands for Grants.

Impact of economic slowdown on MSME sector

1354. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state: