

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a great scope of development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Minority dominated areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps being taken to promote such industries in those areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has been taking important initiatives for the development of MSMEs across the country including minority dominated areas. The Ministry facilitates the promotion and development of MSMEs through various schemes/programmes which include Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS), National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme, Cluster Development Programme, Marketing Development Assistance, Skill Development Programmes, International Cooperation Scheme etc.

Government has also provided marketing support to MSEs by notifying Public Procurement Policy, in March, 2012 whereby Central Government Ministries, Departments and Public Sector Undertakings are mandatorily required to procure a minimum of 20% of their total annual purchases from micro and small enterprises. Further, in December, 2013, a notification was issued to allow MSMEs to continue to avail of non-tax benefits for three years even after their graduation to a higher category.

**Blueprint for development of MSME sector**

2587. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the difficulties of the Ministry to prepare a special blueprint of the overall and foster development of MSM enterprises in view of their huge contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), employment and exports; and
- (b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has never faced difficulties in preparing strategies for fostering overall development of MSMEs.

The Ministry came into existence in its present form following the enactment of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED), Act 2006, which, was one of the first blueprints of the Government to develop the MSME sector.

The implementation of the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP), with its ten components, which commenced in 2006, was a blueprint for increasing competitiveness in the MSME sector.

The report of the Prime Minister's Task Force on MSMEs in 2010, drafted by Ministry of MSME focussed on several areas to remove bottle necks for MSMEs. It addressed (a) credit (b) marketing (c) labour (d) rehabilitation and exit policy (e) infrastructure - technology - skill development and (f) taxation. This is the blueprint for development of MSMEs.

The Public Procurement Policy, notified in 2012 is a blueprint for providing marketing support to micro and small enterprises (MSEs) by making it obligatory on Central Ministries / Departments / Central Public Sector Undertakings to procure minimum 20% of their annual requirements from MSEs.

In 2013, the Ministry has submitted a report on the recommendations of the Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) on accelerating manufacturing in the MSME sector.

The inputs from the above reports and reports made by other Ministries together with the programme of plan outlays presently being implemented by the Ministry of MSME constitute the main blueprint for fostering development of the MSME sector.

#### **Closure of MSME units**

2588. Dr. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) units closed down/turned into sick units;
- (b) what are the factors contributing to the sickness;
- (c) the steps taken or being taken to revive them; and
- (d) the number of units revived during the last three years?