

Programme. Furthermore, Ministry of MSME has been interacting with various concerned Ministries/Departments/State Governments/Banks and other Stake holders to streamline the mechanism for grant of loans, simplify labour laws and other procedures to facilitate the setting up of start up units. The State Governments have made varied degree of progress in this direction.

Entrepreneurship Development Programme in the country

543. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has earmarked and allocated funds for Entrepreneurship Development Programme in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and results yielded so far in the Eleventh and Twelfth Plan periods, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry provided entrepreneurship development training to 16,87,324 persons during the Eleventh Plan with an expenditure of ₹234.86 crore and 11,58,562 persons during the first 2 years of Eleventh Plan with an expenditure of ₹ 222.62 crore.

The Ministry's interventions are in the nature of Central Schemes which are implemented through Institutions such as MSME-Development Institutes, KVIC, Coir Board, National Level EDIs, NSIC etc. The data for Entrepreneurship Development Programmes are maintained institution-wise.

Protection of MSME Sector

544. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI K.C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any fresh steps to protect the small and medium enterprises (MSME) which are hard hit by the current economic slowdown, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government's initiatives for mitigating the hardships of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) have not really percolated down to the ground level, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) To tackle the current economic slowdown the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is 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, Cluster Development Programme, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme. Furthermore, the Government is expanding the coverage of the schemes and strengthening their implementation.

(b) The steady annual growth rate in SME registration (*i.e.* above 10 per cent) in the recent years is a pointer to the fact that Government's policies and initiatives are meeting the desired objectives. The growth rate of Entrepreneur Memorandum (Part -II) (MSME) in the last three years is as follows:

Period	Growth Rate of EM-II (MSME)
2010-11	12.23
2011-12	18.64
2012-13	13.91
2013-14	11.45

Monitoring the public procurement policy

545. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists any monitoring mechanism to supervise Centre's policy of twenty per cent procurement of products and services rendered by MSMEs, the details thereof;

(b) if so, whether there are any guidelines framed in this regard to facilitate procurement from MSMEs and the details thereof;

(c) if not, the details of action Government plans to do in this regard to keep a check on the minimum reservation of twenty per cent in the total share of procurement from MSMEs; and