

(MSMEs) supplements their efforts through various schemes/programmes for promotion and development of MSMEs at all India level including Maharashtra covering the backward and tribal areas. The major schemes/programmes include Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), A Scheme for Promoting Innovation, Rural Industry and Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE), 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. For implementing various scheme for the development of MSMEs, Government has allocated ₹ 2,835.00 crore, ₹ 2,977.00 crore, ₹ 3,327.00 crore and ₹ 2,612.51 crore during 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively.

**Promoting information and communication technology among MSME**

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

(a) whether Government agree on automation nirvana for Small and Medium Enterprises to encourage self-reliance at the grass roots level; and

(b) if so, the steps Government is taking to promote use of Information and Communication Technology among Small and Medium Business to fully tap local and export market potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) provide support to Micro Small and Medium Enterprises for job creation and use of technology for making them competitive.

(b) Ministry of MSME is implementing a scheme for "Promotion of Information and Communication Tools (ICT)" in MSME sector for promotion of IT and Communication tools in MSMEs to make them competitive to tap the local and export market.

**Tax break for MSME Sector**

577. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises which are labour intensive, have sought to provide tax break based on employment or employment generation for a large number of people, if so, the details thereof; and