

Setting up of small scale industries

†249. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up small scale industries in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the number of small scale industries set up till date together with the number of industries and the places in Bihar where they are proposed to be set up out of the above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is implementing various schemes and programmes for the promotion and development of MSME sector across the country. As per information available 14.98 lakh MSME units are working in the State of Bihar as on 30.11.2015.

Difficulties in setting up of small and medium enterprises

250. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that many difficulties of red-tapism are still being faced in setting up small and medium enterprises by rural women; and
- (b) if so, how the rural women can be helped to access reasonable and affordable credit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) and (b) A few issues have been brought to the notice of the Government regarding setting up of small and medium enterprises by rural women. The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises have already simplified the registration of these enterprises by launching online Udyog Aadhar Memorandum (UAM). Various skill development programmes have also been started by the Government, especially for coverage of women. Coir Board has an exclusive scheme viz., Mahila Coir Yojana for assisting rural women. The Government has launched MUDRA yojana in which 2.07 crore rural women have been given credit for starting their enterprises. The Government of India has also announced 'Stand Up India' in which every bank branch (total 1.25 lakh branches) will assist at least one woman entrepreneur in setting up an enterprise.

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