

Setting up of small scale industries in villages

†116. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to set up at least one small scale industry in each village in order to check migration of people to urban areas in search of employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Setting up of a Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) is an individual's endeavour. However, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) supplements the efforts of entrepreneurs through various schemes/programmes for promotion and development of MSMEs across the country including rural areas. Some of the major Schemes include Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme, Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme, Cluster Development Programme and Marketing Development Assistance etc.

Impact of cheap Chinese imports on domestic MSME sector

117. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic MSME manufacturing sector has been adversely suffered due to cheap Chinese imports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Minister during a recent visit to China, invited Chinese investment in the MSME sector;

(c) what will be the implications of such foreign investment in the MSME sector particularly in view of the fact that most of the MSMEs are proprietary units;

(d) whether the current MSME Act permits foreign investment in the MSMEs regardless of the sectoral FDI cap; and

(e) if not, how can the Chinese investment be made in the MSME Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) Indian Micro, Small and

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