

enterprises is 4931098. In addition to it, the Ministry has also taken the following steps to promote the Ease of Doing Business:—

- (i) MSME SAMADHAAN Portal- for empowering micro and small entrepreneurs across the country to directly register their cases relating to payments delayed by Central Ministries/Departments/CPSEs/State Governments etc.
- (ii) MSME SAMBANDH Portal- to help in Monitoring the Implementation of Public Procurement Policy for micro and small enterprises.
- (iii) MSME SAMPARK Portal- A digital platform, wherein, jobseekers (passed out trainees/students of 18 MSME Technology Centres) and recruiters get connected.
- (iv) Digital Payments- to pass on the benefits of the schemes of Ministry of MSME through digital payment gateway.

(b) and (c) The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development (MSMED) Act, 2006 has been already enacted. This Act is applicable to all the States and Union Territories of India.

Solar Charkha Mission

1707. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched Solar Charkha Mission in 50 clusters across the country;

(b) whether Government plans to set up 15 new state-of-the-art technology centres across the country;

(c) whether Government has increased budgetary allocation under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for FY 2018-19 by 75 per cent to Rs.1,800 crore, in order to incentivise entrepreneurs, mainly women and SC/ST; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has launched the Mission Solar Charkha for implementation of 50 Solar Charkha Clusters across the country with a budget of ₹ 550 crore for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20. The scheme is envisaged to generate direct employment to nearly one lakh persons. Solar Charkha Units have been classified as Village Industries.

(b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of MSME is implementing Technology Centre Systems Programme (TCSP), to expand and upgrade the network of Technology Centres (Tool Rooms and Technology Development Centres) in the country, at an estimated project cost of ₹ 2200 crore including World Bank Loan of USD 200 Mn. to establish 15 new Technology Centres (TCs) and upgrade existing TCs across the country.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The detail of the fund allocation under PMEGP for the Financial Year 2018-19 is given below:—

(₹ in crore)

Plan Scheme PMEGP	BE (2018-19)	
	Margin Money	Backward and forward linkages
General	881.24	36.00
SCC	434.52	
STC	198.88	
NER	246.00	4.00
TOTAL	1760.64	40.00

The State/UTs-wise targets for SC and ST entrepreneurs are fixed against the allocated funds of ₹ 434.52 crore and 198.88 crore respectively, proportionate to their population in the respective State/UT. No separate targets have been fixed for women. However, women entrepreneurs are kept under special category and they are entitled for higher rate of subsidy *i.e.* 35% of the project cost in rural areas and 25% of the project cost in urban areas.

Performance and target achievement of MSMEs

1708. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified and graded the States according to the performance and target achievement of MSMEs;

(b) if so, position of the States according to the performance and achievements; and

(c) which State has given maximum employment in MSME sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise in view of (a) above.