

Plans to increase profitability of MSMEs

2184. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans of implementing programmes to increase the profitability of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs); and

(b) whether Government has plans to ensure that the recent extension given by the RBI to MSMEs from 90 days to 180 days to make due payments does not lead to credit indiscipline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) implements various Schemes/Programmes for the promotion and development and increase the profitability of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the country. These *inter alia* include Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS), National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP), Marketing Assistance and Technology Up-gradation (MATU), International Cooperation Scheme, ZED Certification Scheme and Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) etc.

(b) The relaxation has been provided for a temporary period as a measure of support to the MSME units adopting GST, in their transition to a formalised business environment. The RBI has introduced an aggregate exposure limit for availing this facility to ensure that credit discipline is not compromised.

Sentiment index, CriSidEx for micro and small enterprises

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(a) the details of how the new sentiment index CriSidEx is expected to work to measure performance of micro and small enterprises;

(b) the parameters which the index shall take into account; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve investor sentiment around micro, small and medium enterprises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) and (b) CriSidEx aims to assess