

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

the current and future expectations and to gauge the performance of Micro and Small enterprise (MSE) Sector by using several business parameters which are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) In order to improve investor sentiments around the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), the Government has taken several measures such as linking the Trade Receivables Discounting System Platform with GST Network, revamping of the online loan sanctioning facility, improving the competitiveness of the MSMEs by implementing National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP), MSE-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP) and Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme.

Statement

Category-wise business parameters used in CriSidEx

Category	Parameters
Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business situation • Production volumes • Order book size/volume of import orders placed (for importers) • PAT margin • Capacity utilisation • Employee base • <i>Ad hoc</i> question(s) related to any major government initiatives/policies
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business situation • Order/Contracts book size • PAT margin • Employee base • <i>Ad hoc</i> question(s) related to any major government initiatives/policies
Lenders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSE business situation • MSE lending rates • MSE asset quality • Factors hindering MSE credit • <i>Ad hoc</i> question(s) related to any major government initiatives/policies