THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) facilitates and extends benefits for the development of the MSMEs through various schemes/programmes for development and promotion of MSMEs across the country including the Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat etc. Major schemes/programmes include Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Scheme for Promoting Innovation, Rural Industry and Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE), Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS), National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP), Micro and Small Enterprises - Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Hub (NSSH) and Schemes for Coir products and Khadi and Village Industries.

National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) under the Ministry of MSME also promotes and supports Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises by providing integrated support services encompassing marketing, finance, technology and other services.

Relief to MSMEs

1193. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- whether Government proposes to bring major relief to the MSMEs in practical terms and to ^promote their growth since these provide employment to the maximum people;
 - if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what further measures Government proposes to take to promote MSMEs in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO. SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) to (c) The Ministry of MSME has taken following steps for promotion and development of MSMEs:

Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP): To strengthen MSME credit growth, recently the Central Government has enhanced the loan limit to upto ₹ 1 crore for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) under the PMEGP.

- ii. Micro and Small Enterprise-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP).
- iii. Interventions for Aspirational Communities and Areas: SC-ST Hub, Scheme for Promotion of MSMEs in N.E. Region and Sikkim etc.
- iv. Tool Rooms and Technology Centres (TCs) to support MSMEs by providing skilled manpower, access to advanced technology and business advisory services.
- Mission Solar Charkha (MSC) has been launched to increase employment avenues in the rural hinterland through eco-friendly and technology-led growth.
- vi. Launch of MSME-SAMBANDH, a new portal to monitor the implementation of Public Procurement from Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs).
- vii. MSME Samadhaan portal to enable Micro and Small entrepreneurs to register their cases relating to delayed payments.
- viii. Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) scheme of the Ministry of MSME to provide support to the artisans.
- ix. Procurement and Marketing Support Scheme to enhance the marketability of products and services in the MSME sector. All PSUs to compulsorily procure 25 percent from MSEs instead of 20% of their total purchases. Out of the 25% procurement mandated from MSEs, 3% reserved for women entrepreneurs.
- x Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programme (ESDP) to upgrade skills of prospective entrepreneurs, existing workforce and also develop skills of new workers and technicians of MSEs.
- xi. Credit Guarantee Scheme to enhance the collateral free loan to MSEs.
- xii. Interest subvention of 2% for all GST registered MSMEs on fresh or incremental loans.
- xiii. A job portal called "MSME SAMPARK" has been launched wherein job seekers and recruiters can register themselves for mutually beneficial interaction.
- xiv. Udyam Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM), a self certification based online registration portal for MSMEs has been introduced.