

Credit worthiness of MSME sector

1043. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) steps taken by Government to improve credit worthiness of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government plans to reduce infrastructure gaps for the MSME sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI NITIN GADKARI): (a) The Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and programmes like Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme, MSE-Cluster Development Programme, Marketing Development Assistance Scheme, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme etc. These schemes address various aspects of the MSME development including promotion of access to credit & infrastructure.

(b) and (c) The MSE Cluster Development Programme of the Ministry of MSME addresses the needs of common infrastructure for MSEs. The programme supports creation & upgradation of industrial estates and setting up of Common Facility Centres.

Zero Defect, Zero Effect Scheme

1044. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of MSMEs that have started to follow the manufacturing patterns as provided in the guidelines of the Zero Defect, Zero Effect (ZED) Scheme;
- (b) whether the National Monitoring and Implementation Unit (NMIU), *i.e.*, the Quality Council of India been following the guidelines on a consistent basis; and
- (c) whether there is any mechanism of reporting the periodic effect of the scheme on the environment and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI NITIN GADKARI): (a) More than 22,000 MSMEs have registered themselves to take up Zero Defect, Zero Effect (ZED) manufacturing under ZED scheme.