

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of measures taken/proposed to be taken by Government to help these labourers get over this crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI): (a) to (c) reports indicate cyclical slowdown in vehicle sales during April-September, 2019 as compared to the same period in last year. Ministry of MSME has not received any report on job loss in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) units associated with auto sector.

(d) Some of the steps taken by the Government to counter automotive slowdown include reduction in Corporate Tax from 30% to 22%, linking of repo rate to interest charged for vehicle purchased, etc.

**Participation of the transgender community
in MSMEs**

1554. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government collects data separately on industries owned by transgenders;

(b) if not, whether Government proposes to take steps to collect the same;

(c) if so, the data for the years 2016-19 separately on the number of industries owned by transgenders; and

(d) whether Government proposes to make schemes aimed at an increased participation from the transgender community?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) to (d) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), which is a major credit-linked subsidy programme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and rural/urban unemployed youth. Any individual, including transgender, above 18 years of age is eligible under PMEGP for setting up of projects upto ₹ 25 lakh in the manufacturing sector and ₹ 10 lakh in the service sector. General category beneficiaries can

avail margin money subsidy of 25 % of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. For beneficiaries belonging to special categories such as Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe/OBC /minorities/women, ex-serviceman, physically handicapped, NER, Hill and Border areas etc., the margin money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas. The above benefit can be availed under PMEGP for setting up of new units only.

An additional component of Financial Assistance is also available under the programme for expansion/upgrading the existing PMEGP/MUDRA units, which are performing well in terms of turnover, profit making and loan repayment (for manufacturing unit upto ₹ 1.00 crore and for service/ trading unit upto ₹ 25.00 lakh with subsidy of 15% for non NER and 20% for NER and hilly state) from the year 2018-19.

Number of new units under PMEGP set up by transgender for FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 (up to 26.11.2019) is given below:—

Year	State	No. of projects	Margin Money (₹ in lakhs)	Employment (Numbers)
2018-19	Manipur	1	0.53	8
	Odisha	2	5.28	16
2019-20 (as on 26.11.2019)	Gujarat	1	8.62	8
	Tamilnadu	1	0.62	8

Closure of MSME units

†1555. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have been closed due to the downfall in the demand of the small and medium parts;

(b) the details of the production from small and medium parts in the MSMEs during the last five years, year-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.