

and a potential of 6.68 lakh ha. was created through these projects during 1996-97 to March, 2016.

During 2016-17, 26 ongoing Major/Medium Irrigation (MMI) projects (including 5 in Konkan region) of Maharashtra under PMKSY-AIBP having ultimate potential of 8.50 lakh hectare (including 0.37 lakh hectare in Konkan region) and estimated balance cost of ₹ 21534 crore as on 1.4.2016 [CA component - ₹3058 crore] have been prioritized for completion in phases by December, 2019. Funding mechanism through NABARD has also been approved by the Government for both Central and State Share.

During 2016-19, total CA of ₹ 1270.42 crore (including ₹34.65 crore for projects in Konkan region) and State Share of ₹6976.72 crore (including ₹535.33 crore for projects in Konkan region) has been released to the Government of Maharashtra for these projects through NABARD. Additional potential of 1.72 l.ha. (including 1830 ha. through projects in Konkan region) has been created through these projects during 2016-19.

Further, a special package for completion of 8 MMI and 83 Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) projects in drought prone districts in Vidarbha and Marathwada and rest of Maharashtra having estimated balance cost of ₹13651.61 crore as on 01.04.2018 has been approved during 2018-19. CA component amounts to ₹3831.41 crore. The targeted additional potential through these projects is 3.77 l.ha. These projects are planned to be completed in phases by 2022-23. CA of ₹795 crore has been released to the Government of Maharashtra under this package so far.

Further, as per the information received from the Government of Maharashtra, overall there are 220 irrigation projects (5 major, 15 medium and 200 minor Irrigation projects) in Konkan Region, out of which 167 projects (1 major, 4 medium and 162 minor) are completed and 53 projects (4 major, 11 medium and 38 minor) are ongoing. The irrigation potential to the tune of 1.26 lakh ha. has been created up to June, 2019 against target of 2.97 lakh ha. through these projects in Konkan region.

In addition to the above, State Government has planned another 11 irrigation projects having irrigation potential of 7176 ha. in the tribal areas of Konkan region.

#### **Credit exposure of MSMEs**

108. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is not a fact that despite several rate cuts by RBI and other measures taken by the Government MSMEs recorded a slide in credit exposure;

(b) whether it is also not a fact that entities that have less than ₹25 crores credit exposure reported a lower credit growth of 12 per cent in the first half of this fiscal as compared to 23 per cent growth last year during this period;

(c) to what extent the issues in the NBFC sector regarding funding and liquidity challenges have impacted MSME sector; and

(d) what policy and other measures Government proposed to take to bring out MSME sector from 'crisis'?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) The total outstanding credit to the MSME sector by Scheduled Commercial Banks in the last three years is furnished in the following table:-

Year	No. of A/c (in lakh)	Amount O/s (₹ in crore)
March 2017	233.63	1296398.82
March 2018	261.54	1324239.35
March 2019	320.68	1510650.52

Source: RBI.

(b) to (d) Credit to MSME Sector is influenced by various factors which *inter alia* also include funding and liquidity challenges faced by the Non-Banking Finance Companies. In order to facilitate availability of credit to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government has taken several measures. These include provisions of margin money subsidy under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Credit Guarantee Support, Scheme for Interest Subvention, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS), loans to micro enterprises under the Prime Minister's Mudra Yojana and support under Start up India and Stand up India programmes, 59 minutes loan portal and MSME-Samadhaan portal.

#### **New definition for MSMEs**

109. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government is finalizing a new definition for Micro, Small and