

(c) whether Government is planning to leverage the middle-scale enterprises to increase its export share in the market place; and

(d) the details of steps already taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) Yes, Sir. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) play a very important role in economic growth and development of the country by fostering industrialisation and generating large employment opportunities in the country. According to Central Statistics Office (CSO), share of MSMEs in India's GDP was 29.7% at current prices in 2017-18. According to NSSO (73rd round, 2015-16), MSME Sector has estimated number of 633.92 lakh enterprises providing employment opportunities to 11.10 crore people which is next largest to agriculture.

(b) Export strategies of the different countries are generally based on their respective domestic production framework and comparative advantage in the international market.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of MSME supports all MSMEs including the middle scale enterprises with an objective to increase export share of the country in the international market through the schemes such as Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Interest Equalisation Scheme, Duty Drawback Scheme, Market Access Initiatives Scheme (MAIS), Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS), Sagar Mala and Bharat Mala programmes and through various trade advisory bodies such as Export Facilitation Centres (EFC), Export Promotion Councils (EPC), commodity boards and export development authorities etc.

Setting up of MSMEs clusters

1234. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering setting up of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) cluster across the country, if so, the details thereof and by what time these clusters are proposed to be set up; and

(b) the number of such clusters will be set up in Bihar and whether the areas in Bihar have been identified for setting up of such clusters, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) Government of India (GoI) supports setting up of clusters by Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) promoted by Micro and Small Enterprises under the Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP). It is a demand driven scheme and proposals under it are received through concerned State Governments as may be recommended by them from time to time.

(b) In the State of Bihar, one project namely Brass and Bronze Metal Utensils Cluster, Pareb, Patna has been completed and one project namely Green Yarn Cluster, Khanwa, Nawada has been approved for implementation under MSE-CDP.

**Ranking of States in relation to MSME
sector performance**

1235. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the performance of West Bengal Government to develop the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) is best in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the state of affairs of the MSMEs' performance in relation to formation of clusters and providing employment to unemployed, State-wise; and
- (c) the percentage of growth rate contributing to the percentage of GDP?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) Different State Governments have undertaken proactive policies to develop Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to pave the way for improved performance of the MSME sector.

(b) The job creation of the clusters depends upon its turnover and production which in turn depends upon various factors such as production, turnover, profitability, aggregate domestic and global demand, seasonality besides various other factors all of which may not be within the control of the units in the cluster. Moreover, existence of the clusters and facilities therein have several externalities which also have indirect impact on the turnover, production, job creation and exports of the units in and around the clusters. The list of completed and ongoing clusters under the scheme is given in the Statement (*See below*).