GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2839**
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022

**INCLUSION OF RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADERS IN MSMEs**

2839.  SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

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

(a)     the reasons for including retail and wholesale traders as Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);
(b)     how including the above segments will strengthen MSMEs sector; and
(c)     the details of schemes that are being implemented for MSMEs sector and whether these schemes are also extended to retail and wholesale traders?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA)

(a) & (b):       With effect from 2$^{nd}$ July, 2021, the Government allowed wholesale and retail traders to register on Udyam Registration portal as Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to avail benefits of Priority Sector Lending. The Ministry of MSME had received requests from Industry Associations, Banks, Financial Institutions and RBI for inclusion of wholesale and retail trade in the ambit of Services under MSMED Act, 2006 as this business segment is an important component of the supply chain of MSMEs and their inclusion in the ambit of MSMEs will further strengthen the MSME sector.

(c):     The Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and programmes for the promotion and development of MSME Sector in the country. These schemes and programmes inter alia include Prime Minister's Employment Generation programme (PMEGP), Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), A Scheme for Promoting Innovation, Rural Industry & Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE), Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), etc. Benefits under these schemes are available to all eligible MSMEs throughout the country. The retail and wholesale traders registered on Udyam as MSMEs are eligible for Priority Sector Lending.

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