### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MIINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 903 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022

#### SETTING UP BRANCH OF MSMEs DI IN KANNUR

#### 903. SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

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

- (a) whether there is any possibility to set up branch of MSMEs Development Institute (DI) in Kannur, North Kerala to address the entrepreneurship training needs of four districts in North Malabar; and
- (b) what are the criteria for setting up new Branch of MSME-DIs in various States and why Kerala doesn't have a branch MSME-DI?

#### **ANSWER**

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

- (a): Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises-Development & Facilitation Office (MSME-DFO, erstwhile MSME DI) for Kerala is functioning at Thrissur which is situated at the centre of the State of Kerala. MSME-DFO Thrissur is coordinating the MSME Development activities including entrepreneurship training in all the 14 districts of Kerala in association with State Government as per the programmes and policies of the Ministry.
- (b): Since MSME-DFO (erstwhile MSME DI) Thrissur is effectively implementing all the schemes and programmes of Ministry in all the districts of the State, the Branch MSME-DFO has not been set up in Kerala. Branch MSME-DFOs have been set up in various States depending upon the requirement of the branch offices in those States.

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