

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1721**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022**

**CREATION OF NEW JOBS IN THE MSME SECTOR**

1721. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to create new jobs to compensate for the loss of livelihood due to the phased elimination or reduction in dependence on unsustainable industries like plastic and coal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the transitional status of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises of these sectors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) implements Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) with a special focus to create a new jobs in rural and urban areas of the country.

The Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change had shared an indicative template of comprehensive action plan for elimination of identified single use plastic items with the State and UT Governments and Ministries concerned which inter alia included thematic areas on (i) development of schemes for providing assistance in setting up manufacturing capacities of alternatives including for enterprises transitioning away from single use plastics, (ii) providing assistance to units manufacturing alternatives to prohibited single use plastic items, and (iii) providing assistance to units manufacturing prohibited single use plastic items for technology conversion.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises also implements various scheme for the promotion and development of MSMEs across the country which inter alia include, Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, Micro and Small Enterprises – Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI). These initiatives of the Ministry would also ease the transition of the MSME industries in these unsustainable sectors like plastic etc.

Further, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implementing Comprehensive Action Plan(CAP) providing assistance to the MSMEs for elimination of notified Single Use Plastic items, within the ambit of the guidelines of the schemes and same may be availed by the MSMEs for the ease of transition from Single Use Plastic to their alternatives.

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