

the fruits of the hitherto investment in power sector of Jammu and Kashmir to reach the consumers. I, therefore, urge upon the Government to fix a timeline for implementation of transmission and distribution projects in the U.T. of Jammu and Kashmir and ensure its timely completion. Thank you, Sir.

DR. SANTANU SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. AMAR PATNAIK (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

DR. SASMIT PATRA (Odisha): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS (West Bengal): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

Need for setting up a branch of MSME Development Institute at Kannur in Kerala

SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P (Kerala): Sir, the MSME sector is one of the fastest-growing and employment-providing sectors in Kerala with relatively lower investment. This is particularly evident in the case of the North Kerala in which MSMEs play a critical role in the economic development. The region occupies a unique position in the MSME sector with a concentration of many Khadi, handloom, handicrafts and other traditional and indigenous industries. Many of the MSME units in North Kerala are engaged in manufacturing locally-specific unique products with geographical indicator and IPR. However, there is a lacuna in skill upgradation training, identifying and motivating entrepreneurs, technology innovation, and providing financial assistance. This is mainly because of the absence of a robust training infrastructure in the region.

In Kerala, there is only one MSME Development Institute which is situated in Thrissur. Unlike other States, Kerala does not have a Branch MSME Development Institute. As of now, most of the entrepreneurs in the four districts of North Kerala, namely, Kasargod, Kannur, Wayanad and Kozhikode, are forced to depend on the Branch MSME Development Institute in Mangalore (Karnataka) for any technical assistance. Many entrepreneurs complained about the wrong information that they received from private agencies. Against this context, establishing a Branch MSME

Development Institute at Kannur would immensely benefit the growth of the MSME sector in the region. The newly-constituted Branch MSME Development Institute at Kannur can act as a nodal agency in fostering the spirit of entrepreneurship and promoting traditional industries. More importantly, it can significantly reduce the burden of the MSME Development Institutes in Thrissur and Mangalore.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to set up a branch of MSME Development Institute at Kannur in Kerala.

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SHRIMATI MAHUA MAJI (Jharkhand): Sir, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

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THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA): Dr. Amee Yajnik; not present. Dr. Laxmikant Bajpayee.

Need for financial assistance from the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana to complete partially-constructed houses under earlier Schemes of UP Government

डा. लक्ष्मीकांत बाजपेयी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदय, 'प्रधान मंत्री आवास योजना' हेतु मेरठ महानगर में पात्र पंजीकृत लाभार्थी लगभग 1,200 हैं। पूर्व की विभिन्न योजनाओं में अधूरे पड़े मकान 2,193 हैं। वर्तमान में पात्र पंजीकृत 1,200 लोगों को आवास मिलने के बाद शेष 993 आवास अन्य पात्र लोगों को नए पंजीकरण खोल कर दिए जा सकेंगे।