

Regarding problems of MSME industries

**DR. AMAR SINGH (FATEHGARH SAHIB):** I thank you, hon. Chairman, Sir, for giving me the opportunity to speak on a matter pertaining to my Constituency Shri Fatehgarh Sahib.

The small industries in my constituency including Khanna, Doraha, Mandi Gobindgarh, Sahnewal etc. are in shambles. Excessive GST and other taxes have broken the back of small industries. Another problem is the rolling mills, the steel furnace mills. The industrialists have been forced to adopt gas for their industries. They shifted to gas based units. But the Government and private players have made gas prices so high and exorbitant that these small industries are suffering. These industrial units can not afford such high prices of gas and these are closing down.

I urge upon the Government to help the 2 to 3 lakh labourers working in Mandi Gobindgarh in the steel industry. Please don't let these industries close. Steps should be taken to bail out these industries.

Thank you.