

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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PROBLEMS FACED BY SSIS
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by the small scale and medium scale industries;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c): whether a committee is being appointed to assess the position in this regard;
- (d): if so, the details thereof; and
- (e): if not, the steps proposed to be taken to assist them in regard to their problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): Government continues to lay emphasis on solving the problems faced by Small Scale Industries (SSI) sector which primarily relate to availability of credit, technology upgradation, infrastructure and marketing facilities. While the development of SSIs is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments, the Central Government implements various schemes for improving the flow of credit, technology upgradation, infrastructure development, marketing support and entrepreneurial development etc. At present, there is no separate definition for the medium scale industries.

(c)to(e): There already exists a body in the form of Small Scale Industries Board (SSI Board), under the Chairmanship of Minister In-charge of Small Scale Sector, with representatives from Central Ministries, autonomous bodies, Financial Institutions, Planning Commission, Chairman, Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry, Minister In-charge of SSIs from all States/UTs, National/State level and Trade specific Industrial Associations as its Members. The SSI Board meets from time to time to assess the problems of SSIs and make recommendations in respect of policy measures to enable the Government to take policy decisions/supportive measures to meet the concerns of the SSI Sector.