

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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. NATIONAL COMPETITION PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to finalise National Competition Programme for small and medium industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof?
- (c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be finalized?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c): The National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP) for the manufacturing sector, particularly the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), has already been formulated. The NMCP inter-alia includes a number of schemes to assist SMEs in improving their competitiveness by adopting lean manufacturing technology, improved design of products, information and communication technology, quality management standards, quality technology tools etc.