

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR SMALL SCALE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a): the details of the major schemes and programmes which have been implemented for the welfare and development of Small Scale Sector;
- (b): the funds allocated, released and utilized under the said schemes and programmes during each of the last three years, State-wise, schemes and programmes-wise;
- (c): whether the Government has made any study regarding problems faced by the women and child associated with Small Scale Sector; and
- (d): if so, the outcome thereof alongwith the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

- (a) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises implements several schemes for the promotion and development of micro, small and medium enterprises including khadi, village and coir industries. The schemes/ programmes implemented by Ministry of Small Scale Industries and the Ministry of Agro & Rural Industries during the X Plan (2002-03 to 2006-07), which have been recommended for continuation during the XI Plan period are listed at Annex-I. The details of some of the major schemes are listed at Annex.II.
- (b) The details of the funds allocated, released and utilized under the scheme and programmes during the last three years is listed at Annex-III. The Ministry Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises does not allocate funds State-wise for most of the schemes/programmes, which are demand-driven.
- (c)&(d): Although, it is difficult to empirically assess the specific issues concerning the problems faced by women and children that may be associated directly or indirectly with the MSME sector, yet appreciating the requirement for promoting the cause of women entrepreneurs, the Government has announced a slew of measures for supporting enterprises owned or managed by women in the Package for promotion of micro and small enterprises in February/March, 2007. These measures include, inter alia, commencing exclusive EDPs/ESDPs, offering Government of India assistance upto 90% of the project cost for setting up of clusters developed exclusively for women owned enterprises, establishing exhibition centers, offering 80% guarantee over for all eligible loans sought by women owned micro and small enterprises, 50% concession in fee for management development programmes and facilitating their participation in 25 international exhibitions for marketing facilitation, etc.