

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SELF EMPLOYMENT IN UNORGANISED SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposed to set up a Fund for generating self-employment and creation of infrastructure in the unorganised sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of persons likely to be benefited under this programme?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): There is no such proposal at present. However, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) focuses on the development and promotion of MSMEs which enable generation of employment opportunities. The new scheme viz., Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) introduced by merging PMRY and REGP directly generates employment opportunities in rural and urban areas of the country through self-employment ventures/ projects/micro enterprises under which financial assistance by way of subsidy is provided. The scheme is for implementation from 2008-09 to 2012-13 with the target for generation of 37.37 lakh employment opportunities.

The Ministry also implements various other schemes and programmes across the country for improving access to credit, technology upgradation, marketing support, entrepreneurship & skill development and infrastructure development which facilitate the promotion and development of MSMEs and create employment. The major schemes, inter alia, include Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme, Performance and Credit Rating Scheme, Cluster Development Programme, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme and Market Development Assistance Scheme.