

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allotted for Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) between 2013-14 and the target fixed and achieved so far under the programme;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve the managerial skills of MSME entrepreneurs as part of a strategy to increase their GDP contribution and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for the small number of MSME entrepreneurs/businessmen trained in management skills despite existing programmes like Management Development Programmes, etc.; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Government for optimum utilization of the programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

- (a): The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) allocated Rs.154.67 Crore for Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) during 2013-14 and thereby provided entrepreneurship and skill development training to 6,07,253 persons. During the first two quarters of 2014-15; the Ministry trained 2,77,300 persons with an expenditure of Rs. 56.80 Crore.
- (b): Ministry of MSME conducts Management Development Programmes (MDPs) for the benefit of existing MSME entrepreneurs and their managerial and supervisory staff with the objective of increasing their productivity and contribution to GDP.
- (c): 529 MDPs were organized during 2013-14 wherein 12,249 persons were imparted training on various aspects of management. So far, during the current year 1185 persons have participated in 60 MDPs organized in the first two quarters of the current year.
- (d): MDPs are organized on various aspects of management as per the needs of the local industry associations and manufacturing units.