

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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US EXIM BANK S AID TO SMALL ENTERPRISES  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Small Industries Development Bank of India, Industrial Development Bank of India and US Exim Bank have signed a Memorandum of Understanding providing assistance worth 500 million dollars to Indian industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) to what extent the US Exim bank offer to small enterprises is likely to give a boost to small scale industries?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) :

(a) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and US Exim Bank have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on March 24, 2000.

(b) and (c) MoU contemplates assistance upto \$ 500 million to Indian Industries. For small and medium enterprises it envisages providing maximum financial support to enterprises seeking to purchase US goods and services through appropriate financing opportunities which could include credit guarantee facilities, co-financing and parallel financing. The MoU is expected to increase co-operation in the area of Information Technology between US and Indian IT Companies. Operational details regarding further modalities are being worked out by all concerned.