

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

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INCREASE IN GROWTH RATE OF SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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**Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether the Government proposes to introduce new projects to facilitate the growth of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the country to increase the employment generation in the Sector;
- (b): if so, the details thereof and the targets fixed for Eleventh Plan year-wise; and
- (c): the funds allocated for the purpose during said period, year-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Government has taken a slew of measures including, inter alia, implementation of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006, announcement of the package for promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises in February/March 2007, announcement of the package to step up credit to SMEs in August 2005, announcement of the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme, etc., to facilitate the growth of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the country to increase the employment generation in the sector.

(b) & (c): Does not arise since the XI Five Year Plan targets and allocations are yet to be finalized.