

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

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STRENGTHENING OF CENTRAL FOOTWEAR TRAINING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a): The number of Central Footwear Training Institutes functioning at present State-wise;
- (b): whether the Government proposes to upgrade/strengthen the said institutes;
- (c): if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated and released for the purpose during each of the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise; and
- (d): the time by which the above institutes are likely to be upgraded/strengthened?

Answer

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

(a): Under the Ministry of MSME, the following two Central Footwear Training Institutes are functioning at present:-

- (i) Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI) at Agra (Uttar Pradesh).
(ii) Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI) at Chennai (Tamil Nadu).

(b): Under the Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises as announced in Lok Sabha on 27.2.2007, both the CFTIs are being strengthened to expand their outreach and assist the MSEs in upgrading their technology.

(c): The CFTIs are being strengthened by adding latest technology machines etc. at the estimated cost of Rs. 2.00 crore. The budget allocations for last three years are given below:

(Rs. In Lakh)

2004-05 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08

CFTI, Agra 60.00 115.40 18.00 100.00

CFTI, Chennai 92.00 100.00 90.00 100.00

(d) : Both the CFTIs are likely to be upgraded/strengthened before the end of the financial year (2007-08).