

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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ECO-FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGY FOR SME
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government proposes to make the technology used in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) environment friendly;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c): the details of funds allocated by the Government for implementation of the said programme in the country during 2006-07 and 2007-08, State-wise; and
- (d): the extent to which SMEs in the country have been benefited by such programme.

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) to (d) The Government is operating various programmes and schemes for promoting eco-friendly technology and processes for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Government of India, in the Ministry of MSME, is operating following schemes for technology upgradation including Eco/Environment friendly technology and modernization of micro and small enterprises

(i) Promotion of Vertical Shaft Brick Kiln (VSBK) technology which is eco-friendly and energy efficient for manufacturing of Bricks in MSME sector.

Funds to the tune of Rs.1.25 lakh in the year 2006-07 and Rs.34.37 lakhs in the year 2007-08 have been provided for awareness programmes.

(ii) To adopt Quality and Environmental Management Standards by MSME, subsidy is provided for them to take ISO-9000/ISO14001/HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points) Certification.

In the year 2006-07, funds to the tune of Rs.13 crore were provided benefiting around 2,800 Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) and in the year 2007-08 funds to the tune of Rs.9.14 crore were provided benefiting around 2400 MSEs.

(iii) Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) is facilitating technology upgradation of Micro and Small Enterprises by providing capital subsidy for induction of well-established and improved technology.

During the year 2006-07, subsidy amounting to the tune of Rs.66.50 crore was disbursed benefiting around 1900 MSEs and in the year 2007-08 subsidy amounting to the tune of Rs.57 crore was disbursed benefiting around 1150 MSEs.

In addition, the Ministry of Environment & Forests has initiated Central Sponsored Schemes, which includes:

(i) Development & Promotion of Clean Technology under which funds of Rs.1.50 crore during the year 2006-07 and Rs.3.50 crore during the year 2007-08 were allocated.

(ii) Abatement of Pollution through Preventive Strategies (Waste Minimization) in Small & Medium Scale Industries under which funds of Rs.1 crore during the year 2006-07 and Rs.1 crore during the year 2007-08 were allocated. State-wise details of funds are not centrally maintained.