

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made/proposes to make any assessment with regard to development of small scale industries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the assessment thereon;
- (c) whether the technological development of Small Scale Industries in our country is under-developed; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) : The assessment with regard to development of small scale industries (now Micro and Small Enterprises) in the country is a continuous process. It is done through surveys in general and census in particular which reflect the time scale data indicating the quantum of growth/development. The quick results of 4th Census of the micro and small enterprises (manufacturing) which pertains to the period 2006-07 indicate that there is 7.37 percent growth in the number of units, 9.09 percent in the employment and 15.62 percent in the exports as compared with that of 3rd Census (2001-02). The summary of the above is annexed.

(c)& (d): A large number of micro & small enterprises in the country are characterized by low levels of technology. The government is, however, promoting technological upgradation through its scheme like Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) and schemes under the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme.