

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

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CREDIT RATING FOR MSME
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to revise the existing credit rating for the micro and small-scale industry sector to get loans at economical rate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of units of micro and small-scale industry to which rating have been allotted so far along with the number of pending applications?

Answer

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

(a) to (b) : The "Performance & Credit Rating Scheme" is being implemented by the Ministry of MSME with the aim to encourage Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) to undertake credit and performance rating from a reputed and accredited independent rating agency. The rating under the Scheme serves as a trusted third party opinion on the capabilities and creditworthiness of the MSEs. Good rating helps MSEs in obtaining faster and concessional credit from banks. Presently, there is no proposal to revise the "Scheme of Performance and Credit Rating."

(c): Up to 31.01.2010, a total of 17,287 MSEs have been assigned rating under the Scheme and 1440 applications were under process with the seven empanelled rating agencies.