

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

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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 said programme in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the extent to which SMEs in the country have been benefited by such programme?

Answer

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

(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 ecofriendly and energy efficient for manufacturing of Bricks in MSME sector. Funds to the tune of Rs. 34.37 lakh in the year 2007-08, Rs. 20.11 lakh in the year 2008-09 & Rs. 21.05 lakh in the year 2009-10 have been provided for setting up Demonstration Plant on VSBK technology and awareness programmes.

(ii) 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 2007-08, subsidy amounting to the tune of Rs. 76.3 crore, in the year 2008-09 subsidy to the tune of Rs.108.8 crore and in the year 2009-10 subsidy amounting to the tune of Rs. 150.4 crore was disbursed to the Nodal agencies under Credit Link Capital Subsidy Scheme.

(iii) Recently, the Government of India has launched a scheme namely "Technology and Quality Upgradation Support to MSMEs" under National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP). One of the activities of the scheme is capacity building of MSME clusters for Energy Efficiency/ Clean Development Mechanism and implementation of Energy Efficient Technologies and other technologies mandated as per the Global Standards in MSMEs. The primary objective of this activity is to hand hold and encourage MSME clusters in adopting Energy Efficient Process/ Technologies. This scheme has been launched recently. Hence, no funds have yet been released.

State-wise details of funds are not centrally maintained.