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SIDBI PROJECT FOR MSME
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the business development services for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Small Industrial Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is implementing a scheme to ramp up the competitiveness and growth of these units; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b): SIDBI is implementing a multi-agency, multi-activity Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Financing and Development project (MSMEFDP). The goal of the project is to increase income and employment by encouraging growth and competitiveness in the MSME sector.

One of the major components of the Project is implementation of market linked Business Development Services (BDS) in MSME Clusters. The BDS component is designed to, inter alia, strengthen MSMEs' access to BDS and build the capacity of the existing and potential BDS providers to serve the MSME market more effectively. The BDS programme has helped MSMEs in various strategic areas, e.g. productivity improvement, skill development, technology upgradation, marketing linkages, credit linkages etc. in these clusters. Under the BDS components, over 500 BDS activities have been conducted which has benefited more than 10,000 participants from the MSME sector. The Project would be in operation till October 2011.

The international partners of the Project are the World Bank; Department for International Development (DFID), UK; KfWand GTZ, Germany.