

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SICK INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Ministry has proposals to review the overall industrial sickness in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and present status thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Reserve Bank of India had constituted a Working Group under the Chairmanship of Dr.K.C.Chakraborty, the then Chairman & Managing Director of Punjab National Bank (presently Deputy Governor, RBI) in June 2007 to look into the problems faced by new as well as sick MSMEs, timely and adequate flow of funds to the sector, rehabilitation of sick MSMEs etc. The Working Group submitted its report in April, 2008 and, inter-alia, made a number of recommendations covering the gamut of issues and problems including sickness confronting the sector. All the Scheduled Commercial Banks have been advised on 04-05-2009 to implement these recommendations.

Besides all the State Governments and concerned Central Ministries have been requested to take suitable steps/action on the recommendations of the above Working Group.