

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

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SME FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is sponsoring any programmes to facilitate unemployed youth to start Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked for the said purpose during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of beneficiaries during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme(PMEGP) since 2008-09 for assisting beneficiaries in setting up of micro enterprises with attractive levels of subsidy for generation of employment opportunities. The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise amount released and the number of beneficiaries during 2008-09 and 2009-10 is enclosed at Annexure I. Further, the Government is conducting various entrepreneurship and skill development programmes for prospective entrepreneurs, including unemployed youth, across the country to facilitate setting up of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) by them. The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise amount earmarked for this purpose and the number of trainees during the last three years is enclosed at Annexure II. In addition, the Government has also introduced the scheme for 'Support for Entrepreneurial and Managerial Development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) through Incubators' from April 2008 for assisting incubation of innovative business ideas that could be commercialized in a short period of time, resulting in the formation of MSMEs. The funds under the scheme are released incubator-wise and not State/ UT-wise. During the last two years, 171 business ideas have been approved under the scheme.