

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

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PROMOTION OF MSME PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to formulate a policy for promoting the sale of products by the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): For promoting the sale of products by the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), the Government is implementing several schemes/ programmes like Market Development Assistance Scheme, Vendor Development Programme, Buyer-cum-Seller Meets, training programme on Packaging for Exports, etc. In addition, as per existing policy, 358 items are reserved for exclusive purchase by the Central Ministries/ Departments/ Public Sector Undertakings from micro and small enterprises (MSEs). Further, the MSEs registered under the Single Point Registration Scheme of National Small Industries Corporation are provided various facilities like tender sets free of cost, exemption from deposit of earnest money, etc. The Government has also initiated steps for formulating a procurement policy for MSEs, as envisaged under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006, in consultation with the Ministries/ Departments concerned.