

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched Lean Manufacturing Scheme for micro, small and medium enterprises in the country: and
- (b) if so, the details alongwith its objective and salient features thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The objective of the pilot scheme is to increase the competitiveness of the MSME sector through the adoption of Lean Manufacturing Techniques with the objective of reducing waste, increasing productivity, introducing innovative practices for improving overall competitiveness, inculcating good management systems and imbibing a culture of continuous improvement.

The scheme provides for building awareness of lean manufacturing practices in MSME clusters as well as cost sharing of consultant's fee with MSME units who opt for such interventions. For effective implementation and monitoring of the scheme, the National Productivity Council (NPC) has been designated as the Nodal Agency.