

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

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STARTING OF NEW TRAINING PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has started a new training programme to encourage the weaker sections of the society to set up micro and small enterprises in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of beneficiaries in the country under the above programme, State and Union territory-wise including Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) implements training programmes through MSME Development Institutes. 20 percent of Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs) and Entrepreneurship Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs) are organised for SC, ST, Women and Physically Handicapped persons, free of cost, from all the states including Maharashtra. These beneficiaries are also provided a stipend of Rs.125/- each per week. During the current year, target of the Ministry is to provide training to 3.50 lakh persons, out of which over 20 percent will be from amongst weaker sections (SC, ST, Women and Physically Handicapped persons), from all the states including Maharashtra.