

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2912

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WORKING GROUP ON MSME

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a working group on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Growth for the Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details and terms of reference thereof;
- (c) whether the working group has held meetings in this regard in the recent past;
- (d) if so, the details of issues discussed and decisions arrived at; and
- (e) the time by which the working group is likely to submit its report?

Answer

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

- (a) A Working Group on Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Growth for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) has been constituted by Planning Commission.
- (b) Working Group on MSMEs Growth has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MSME with 46 members. Terms of Reference are at Annexure.
- (c) Meetings of the Working Group were held on 25.5.11 and 28.7.11.
- (d) 11 sub-groups were constituted to deal with various issues of MSME sector including Khadi, Village and Coir sector and their draft reports were discussed.
- (e) Planning Commission has requested the Working Group to submit its report by 30th August, 2011.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2912 due for answer on 18.08.2011.

Terms of Reference of Working Group:

- i. Taking the report of PM's Task Force on MSME sector, as the basis, to evaluate the progress of the sector in terms of overall growth, potential for job creation and as vehicle for innovation.
- ii. To review the implementation of measures recommended by the PM's Task Force and other schemes of the sector and suggest corrective measures, if any
- iii. To articulate the problems of small & micro enterprises in the unorganized sector and suggest measures for improving their productivity, quality of products, easy access to credit, technology up-gradation/adoption etc.
- iv. To specify the milestone to be achieved within the 12th Plan period
- v. To suggest/recommend programmes/schemes those are to be terminated in the 11th Plan or initiated or continued in the 12th Plan period, together with the broad budgetary implications, if any
- vi. To make any other recommendations as may be appropriate for sustained growth and competitiveness of the sector.