

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any special programme to promote small scale industries in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total number of small scale industries in the state;
- (c) the quantum of funds released to the State for the said purpose during the current financial year, and
- (d) the amount of loans provided by the banks to the small scale industries during the last two years and the current year in West Bengal?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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(a), (b) & (c) The development and promotion of small scale industries is primarily the responsibility of States / Union Territories. The Central Government, however, supports and supplements the efforts of the State Governments / Union Territories through various schemes / programmes relating to credit, infrastructure development, technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial development, etc. These are implemented across the country including West Bengal. Allocation of funds is made scheme-wise and not state-wise. In addition, the Government announced the "Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises" on 27.02.2007, which, interalia, provides for legislation, credit support, fiscal support, support for cluster based development, technology and quality upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial and managerial development, empowerment of women owned enterprises and strengthening of data base for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Sector. Based on the 3rd All India Census and subsequent estimates, the total number of Micro and Small Industries is 9,21,221 (both registered and unregistered) in the State of West Bengal as on 31st March 2007 (latest available).

(d) As per the information furnished by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the outstanding loans provided by scheduled commercial banks to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in West Bengal as at the end of March 2007 and March 2008 (latest available) were Rs.6,945 crore and Rs.13,222 crore respectively.