

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

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

- (a) Whether the Government has launched / proposes to launch skill development programmes in the country including Bihar;
- (b) If so, the details thereof indicating the number of beneficiaries covered / likely to be covered under the programme;
- (c) Whether the growth rate of employment generation in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Sector is not commensurate with the growth rate of investment made in the sector;
- (d) If so, the details thereof indicating the reasons therefor;and
- (e) The reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH)

- (a): The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises is conducting Skill Development Programmes in all the States & Union Territories, including Bihar.
- (b): During 2010-11, 403589 persons were trained under the programmes at all India level.
- (c)to(e): The growth rate of employment in the MSME sector over the period 2007-08 to 2009-10 was 11%. During the same period, the investment in the MSME sector registered a growth of 9.3%. Thus, the employment intensity of the sector has been rising during the above mentioned period.