

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

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

- (a) the extent to which the Union Government has been supplementing the efforts of State Governments for promotion and development of Small Scale Industries (SSIs);
- (b) the total number of Small Scale Industries functioning in the country as on date;
- (c) whether requests from State Governments have been received to assist them to review the closed SSIs in their States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the number of SSIs closed down in Andhra Pradesh due to sickness?

Answer

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

- (a) The development and promotion of small scale industries is primarily the responsibility of States/ Union Territories (UTs). The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments / Union Territories (UTs) for development and promotion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises through various schemes/programmes relating to credit, infrastructural development, technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial development etc.
- (b) Based on the 3rd All India Census of Small Scale Industries with 2001-02 as the reference year, the estimated number of micro and small enterprises (both registered and unregistered) in the country as on 31st March, 2007 (latest available) was 128.44 lakh.
- (c) & (d) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) does not provide any direct financial assistance for rehabilitation of sick micro and small enterprises (MSEs). However, financial assistance by way of debt restructuring, including fresh loan, for the rehabilitation of sick MSEs is provided by primary lending institutions (PLIs), including commercial banks which provide credit to MSEs.
- (e) The data on units closed due to sickness is not centrally maintained. However, as per the data compiled by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) number of sick micro and small enterprises in Andhra Pradesh at the end of March 2008 (latest available) was 5439.