

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

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COOPERATION WITH ASEAN IN MSME SECTOR

Azad Shri Kirti (Jha)

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

- (a) Whether the Union Government proposes to sign Memorandum of Understanding with Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the sphere of micro, small and medium enterprises;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the projects likely to be undertaken;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted to assess benefits to India from this joint venture; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): Presently, there is no Agreement/ Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (M/O MSME) and The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) for cooperation in the sphere of micro, small and medium enterprises sector. However, a draft MoU has been sent by this Ministry to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) for taking up the matter with ASEAN.