

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

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

- (a) whether Government has implemented a scheme to support some selected colleges/ universities to run entrepreneurship clubs throughout the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof indicating the aims and objectives of the scheme;
- (c) whether any college/university has been selected to implement this scheme in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the fund allocated and the number of beneficiaries under the scheme during each of the last three years and current year in the country including Tamil Nadu, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is implementing a Scheme to support 5 selected Universities/Colleges to run 1200 Entrepreneurship Clubs.

Under the scheme, 5 selected universities, one each from Northern, Western, Eastern, Southern and North-East region, have to run entrepreneurship clubs to bring entrepreneurs, universities and MSME-Development Institutes (MSME-DI) together.

The club acts as a forum for exchange of ideas on new concepts, technology, market trend, credit, anti-dumping etc.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Tamilnadu has been selected to implement the scheme in association with MSME- DI, Chennai in the southern region, including Tamilnadu.

(e) The allocation of funds under the scheme is given to the nodal MSME-DI of the region. Allocation of funds and number of beneficiaries during each of the last two years and current year at the all India level are given below. There was no allocation of funds under the scheme in 2008-09.

S.No Year Fund Allocation Number of
(Rs. In Lakh) Beneficiaries.

1 2009-10 43.32 6714

2 2010-11 5.00 1386

3 2011-12 37.8995 3785
(up to
Feb.2012)