

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

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EMPLOYMENT IN MSME

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

- (a) whether Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the country provide more employment opportunities in comparison to heavy industries even with small investment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the total number of Micro, Small and Medium enterprises functioning in the country, separately, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): As per the Final Report of the Fourth Census of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) 2006-07:Registered Sector, for which the data was collected in 2009 & report published in 2011, the employment intensity (measured in terms of employment per unit of fixed assets) for MSME - sector was 0.20. This was higher than the employment intensity of the factories sector i.e.0.15, as per the Annual Survey of Industries, 2006-2007.

(c): As per the Final Report of the Fourth Census of MSMEs : 2006-07, the total number of registered MSMEs functioning in the country stands at 15.64 lakh. As per the Quick Result of the Fourth Census of MSMEs: 2006-07, the total number of unregistered MSMEs in the country stands at 245.48 lakh. The state-wise distribution of Registered and Unregistered Enterprises are given in Annexure – 1.