

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

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INTERNATIONAL CO OPERATION IN MSME SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether international cooperation is sought in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to upgrade their operations through foreign exposure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the agreement signed in this regard during each of the last three years;
- (d) the amount of financial assistance extended to industry organisations/enterprises during the said period in this regard; and
- (e) the number of international cooperation events in which India participated in the regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes Madam. Several micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) seek assistance from the Ministry of MSME and its various organizations to upgrade their operations through foreign exposure.

(b): This Ministry and its organizations provide assistance to micro, small and medium enterprises for the following activities:  
(i) Deputation of MSME business delegations to other countries for exploring new areas of technology infusion/upgradation, facilitating joint ventures, improving market of MSMEs products, foreign collaborations, etc.  
(ii) Participation by Indian MSMEs in international exhibitions, trade fairs and buyer-seller meets in foreign countries as well as in India, in which there is international participation.  
(iii) Holding international exhibitions, conferences and seminars in India on topics and themes of interest to the MSMEs.

(c): This Ministry has entered into long term Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with several countries for promoting cooperation in the field of MSMEs. During the last three years, the Ministry has entered into agreements with the following countries:

1. Arab Republic of Egypt 29/10/2009
2. Republic of Botswana 17/06/2010
3. Republic of Korea 18/06/2010
4. Republic of Mozambique 30/09/2010
5. Republic of Indonesia 25/01/2011

(d): The amount of financial assistance extended by this Ministry and its organizations viz. National Small Industries Corporation, Office of Development Commissioner (MSME) etc. to industry organisations/ enterprises for participation in international events during the last three years is given below.

Financial Year Assistance extended  
(Rs. in crore)  
2009-10 6.15  
2010-11 8.29  
2011-12 6.81

(e): The number of international events in which this Ministry and its organizations has facilitated the participation of micro, small and medium enterprises is given below.

Financial Year No. of international events  
2009-10 70  
2010-11 67  
2011-12 64

