

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

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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

- (a) whether a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Tunisia for promoting cooperation in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether both the countries have set up Joint Commission for implementation of the said MoU;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of times the said Joint Commission held meetings so far; and
- (e) the time by which the said MoU will be operational?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): A 'Cooperation Agreement in the Field of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises between the Government of the Republic of Tunisia and the Government of the Republic of India' was signed on 8/2/2007 in Tunis (Tunisia) in the broad areas of capacity building, joint actions to improve investments, survey & feasibility studies, partnership projects, exhibitions & trade fairs, exchange of business missions, exchange of information, etc.

(c)&(d): Secretary, MSME is the Co-Chairman of the Joint Committee set up as per Article-5 of the said Agreement. The First Joint Committee Meeting was held on 8/4/2008 in New Delhi and the Second on 30/9/2009 & 1/10/2009 in Tunis.

(e): The said Agreement is already in operation.