

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

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MOU WITH OTHER COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a): the salient features of the latest census conducted on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);
- (b): the details of Memorandum of Undertakings (MoUs) signed by the Government with foreign countries for promotion of MSMEs during each of the last three years and current year;
- (c): whether the Government has assessed the outcome of MoU in terms of physical and financial performance; and
- (d): if so, the details thereof and the extent to which MSMEs sector has been benefited thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI K H MUNIYAPPA)

(a): Madam, the latest census conducted on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) is the Fourth All India Census of MSMEs with reference year 2006-07. The data was collected till 2009, results of which were published in 2011-12. The census adopted different methodology for Registered and Unregistered Sectors. While complete enumeration of enterprises was adopted in Registered Sector, sample survey was resorted to in Unregistered Sector. However, activities under wholesale/retail trade, legal, educational & social services, hotel & restaurants, transports and storage & warehousing (except cold storage), were excluded from the coverage of sample survey. For these activities, data was extracted from Economic Census 2005(EC,2005) conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The highlights of the Census are at Annexure.

(b), (c)&(d): The Government has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with several countries for promoting cooperation in the field of MSMEs in the 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.

During the last three years and current year, the Government signed Agreements / MoUs with the following countries:

2009-10 Arab Republic of Egypt Joint Action Plan Ministry of Trade and Industry 29/10/2009 Cairo

2010-11 Republic of Botswana Memorandum of Understanding of Botswana Government of the Republic 17/06/2010 New Delhi

Republic of Korea Memorandum of Understanding Administration Small and Medium Business 18/06/2010-Korea

Republic of Mozambique Memorandum of Understanding and Commerce Ministry of Industry 30/09/2010 New Delhi

Republic of Indonesia Memorandum of Understanding and Small and Medium Enterprises Ministry of Cooperatives 25/01/2011 New Delhi

2011-12 Nil Nil Nil Nil

2012-13 Nil Nil Nil Nil

The Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding(MoUs) that are signed with other countries provide a platform to discuss issues of mutual interest concerning Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and to explore possibilities of cooperation for the development of MSME sector in both the countries.