

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

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CREDIT ALLOCATION TO MSME
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister held meetings with the representatives of micro, small and medium enterprises in the month of August to discuss credit allocations to such units and the impact of economic slowdown on the sector; and

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed and the outcome thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): The Prime Minister met the representatives of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Associations on 26th August, 2009 to discuss issues relating to the MSME sector. During the meeting, various issues were highlighted by the MSME Associations including shortage of credit, need for a focused procurement policy, prompt payment of MSME dues, simplification of labour laws, formulation of a one-time settlement policy, etc. The Prime Minister announced the setting up of a high-level Task Force to reflect on the issues raised by the associations and formulate an agenda for action after deliberations with all stakeholders. Accordingly, a High Level Task Force under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister has been constituted to address the issues of MSME sector.