

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

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COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES FOR MSMES

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

(a) whether the Government has signed/proposes to sign any Letter of Intent for cooperation with various countries in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the 11th and 12th Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far along with the benefits accrued/ likely to accrue to the enterprises in the country?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Government enters into long term Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with several countries for promoting cooperation in the field of MSMEs 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.

During the 11th and 12th Plan period, the Government has signed Agreements/ MOUs with the following countries:

Year	Name of the Country	Type of Agreement	Counterpart Organisation	Ministry/ Date and place of signing
2009-10	Arab Republic of Egypt	Joint Action Plan	Trade and Industry	29/10/2009 Cairo
2010-11	Republic of Botswana	Memorandum of Understanding	Government of the Republic of Botswana	17/06/2010 New Delhi
	Republic of Korea	Memorandum of Understanding	Small and Medium Business Administration	18/06/2010 Korea
	Republic of Mozambique	Memorandum of Understanding	Ministry of Industry and Commerce	30/09/2010 New Delhi
	Republic of Indonesia	Memorandum of Understanding	Ministry for Cooperatives and Small and Medium Enterprises	25/01/2011 New Delhi
2012-13	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	Memorandum of Understanding	Ministry of Planning and Investment	15/01/2013 Hanoi

The MoUs are available on the website of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises i.e. <http://msme.gov.in> . MoUs with the Republic of Mauritius and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC) in India are in advance stage of finalization.

The MoUs provide the Government as well as MSMEs a platform to discuss issues of mutual interest concerning the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector and to explore possibilities of cooperation for the promotion and development of MSME sector in both the countries.