

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT IN LAKSHADWEEP THROUGH SSI
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of employment opportunities generated in the economically backward areas of the UT of Lakshadweep through small scale industries;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up small scale industries in the UT of Lakshadweep exclusively for the upliftment of women;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these industries are likely to be set up and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): The Government monitors the employment in the MSME sector in the country by conducting All India Census of the sector, periodically. As per the latest census (Fourth Census), conducted (with base reference year 2006-07) wherein the data was collected till 2009 and results published in 2011-12, as well as data extracted from Economic Census 2005 conducted by CSO, MoSPI, for activities excluded from Fourth Census, namely wholesale/retail trade, legal, educational & social services, hotel & restaurants, transports and storage & warehousing (except cold storage), the employment generated is 4586 for the UT of Lakshadweep against 1638 as per the Third All India Census of Small Scale Industries 2001-02.
- (b) to (d): Setting up of enterprises is an individual entrepreneurial effort. Central Government, however, provide support for setting up of enterprises through the schemes which inter-alia include assistance for easy availability of credits, training and capacity building of entrepreneurs, technological up-gradation, assessing market, improved infrastructure etc.