

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

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BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT ON SMES
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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 bilateral trade agreement with Gulf Cooperative Council (GCC) to ensure fast growth of small and medium enterprises;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the current status of bilateral trade of small and medium enterprises with GCC; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for promoting co-operation with other countries?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) This Ministry has not signed/proposes to sign any bilateral trade agreement with Gulf Cooperative Council (GCC) for fast growth of small and medium enterprises.
- (d) This Ministry 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. So far Agreements/MoUs with 17 countries for cooperation in MSME sector have been signed.