

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

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INCUBATION CENTRES FOR SMALL ENTREPRENEURS
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering setting up of incubation centres for small entrepreneurs who want to start sustainable businesses;
- (b) is so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises environment friendly and sustainable?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. As per approved guideline of the scheme "Support for Entrepreneurial and Managerial Development of SMEs through Incubators", implemented by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government has been recognizing various academic/ R&D/ Technical institutions as Host Institutes for supporting the development of new ideas and their subsequent commercialization.

(c) Ministry of MSME has launched "Clean Technology Innovation programme" in partnership with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). The main objectives of the project are to promote clean energy technology innovations and entrepreneurship in selected SMEs in India through Clean tech innovation platform and entrepreneurship acceleration programme.

In addition, Government has also launched TEQUP scheme (Technology and Quality Up-gradation Support to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises). One of the activities under this programme is to encourage MSMEs in adopting energy efficient technologies that will make MSMEs environment friendly.