

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

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AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL COOPERATION
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has signed any agreement with any country on mutual cooperation for the development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in both the countries during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and
- (c) the extent to which the country is likely to be benefitted by the said agreements?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Government enters into Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with various countries for promoting cooperation in the field of MSMEs in the broad areas of Capacity building, industrial surveys and feasibility studies, enterprise to enterprise collaboration, participation in exhibitions and trade fairs, exchanging business missions, technology transfer etc.

During the last three years and the current year, the Ministry has entered into MoUs with the following countries:

Year	Name of the Country	Counter Ministry/ Organisation	Date of signing
2012	Nil	Nil	Nil
2013	Vietnam	Ministry of Planning and Investment	15.01.2013
	Mauritius	Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives	02.12.2013
2014	Nil	Nil	Nil
2015	Nil	Nil	Nil

(c): The MoUs that have been signed with other countries will provide a structured framework and enabling environment to discuss issues of mutual interest concerning the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and to explore possibilities of cooperation for the development of MSME sector in both the countries. Further, international cooperation in MSME sector, apart from generating goodwill for the country and strengthening of friendly relations with the partner countries, also benefits Indian MSMEs and opens up new opportunities for them by way of new markets, joint ventures, sharing of best practices and technology collaborations etc.