

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

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NATIONAL AWARDS TO ENTREPRENEURS
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any Scheme for giving National Awards to the entrepreneurs in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector,
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to recognize the effort and contribution of entrepreneurs?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Awards are given annually under the Plan Scheme of 'National Awards' of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to the outstanding entrepreneurs in the MSME sector in the areas of Entrepreneurship, Research & Development, Innovation, Quality Products, and Lean manufacturing Techniques. The awards are also given to outstanding achievers in Khadi, Village Industries & Coir Sector as well as to Banks in recognition of their credit support to the Small and Micro Enterprises. Special Awards are given to honour one outstanding woman entrepreneur, one outstanding entrepreneur from SC/ST community and one entrepreneur from North Eastern Region. The First, Second and Third National Awards carry cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/-, Rs. 75,000/- and Rs.50,000/- respectively, a certificate and a trophy.

(c): The Bureau of Indian Standards also gives Rajiv Gandhi National Quality Award to enterprises with a view to encourage them to strive for excellence and giving special recognition to those who are considered to be the leaders of quality movement in India to meet the challenges of domestic and International markets.