

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

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Employment in MSME Sector

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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether employment opportunities are declining in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the number of employment opportunities generated through implementation of the various schemes in the MSMEs sector during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan?

Answer

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

(a): No Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Ministry of MSME is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) which is a major credit-linked subsidy programme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and unemployed youth. Any individual above 18 years of age is eligible. For setting up of projects costing above Rs.10 lakh in the manufacturing sector and above Rs. 5 lakh in the business /service sector, the beneficiaries should possess at least VIII standard pass educational qualification. General category beneficiaries can avail of margin money subsidy of 25 % of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. For beneficiaries belonging to special categories such as scheduled caste/scheduled tribe/OBC /minorities/women, ex-serviceman, physically handicapped, NER, Hill and Border areas etc. the margin money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas.

The Scheme was launched during 2008-09. A total of 4.23 lakh micro enterprises have been assisted with a margin money subsidy of Rs 8695.27 crore providing employment to an estimated 35.48 lakh persons since PMEGP's inception till 2016-17.

The State/UT-wise details including the State of Rajasthan for employment generation under the PMEGP Scheme during each of the last three years and current year is placed at Annexure-I.

There has also been no decline in employment in the Khadi and Village Industry sector as may be seen from the table below:

(Employment in lakh persons)

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Year Employment under Khadi Employment under Village Industries Total

2013-14 10.98 119.40 130.38

2014-15 11.06 123.19 134.25

2015-16 11.07 126.76 137.83

2016-17 (P) 11.17 131.36 142.53

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The figures of employment generated during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 are given State-wise including Rajasthan as per Annexure-II.