

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

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COOPERATION WITH COTE D IVOIRE IN SME SECTOR
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to cooperate with Cote d'Ivoire for the development of SME sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the representatives of the Ministry of MSME have held meeting with the leaders of Cote d'Ivoire in the recent past; and
- (d) if so, the details of issues discussed during the said meeting along with the decisions taken on such issues?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Government had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises with Cote D'Ivoire on 14/02/2007. A delegation led by Shri Jean-Louis Billon, the Minister for Trade, Handicrafts & SMEs of Cote d'Ivoire met the Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) on 05.11.2014 at New Delhi.