

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SICK INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sick industries in the country at present;
- (b) the total losses accumulated by these industries; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government revive these industries along with the number of sick industries proposed for revival?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) & (b): As per the data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), there are 465492 sick Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) [as on March 2014] and 1712 sick Medium Enterprises [as on March 2013]. Information regarding total losses by these industries is not maintained centrally.

(c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide their revised guidelines for rehabilitation of sick units in the MSE sector, inter-alia, provides:

(i) Introduction of handholding stage to prevent sickness.

(ii) Banks to decide on the reliefs and concessions for rehabilitation of viable/ potentially viable units based on their own Board approved policies.

(iii) The banks to put in place a non-discretionary One Time Settlement Scheme for recovery of non-performing loans for the Micro & Small Enterprises (MSE) Sector, duly approved by the Board of Directors.

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has also introduced a Scheme for "Management/ Restructuring of Stressed Assets and Rehabilitation Scheme for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)". The Scheme provides for relief and concessions (in the form of re-schedulement, reduction in rate of interest, funding of overdue/ future interest and waiver etc.) as well as need based additional financial assistance for revival of MSME sick units.