

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 917
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021

SUICIDE OF TRADERS AND BUSINESSMAN IN MSMEs

917. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the crisis involved in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as consequence of the pandemic resulted in the suicide of 4,226 vendors, 4,356 tradesmen, and 3,134 other businessmen; and
- (b) if so, what measures has been taken by Government to support the families of these businessmen?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI NARAYAN RANE)

- (a): COVID-19 epidemic has temporarily affected various sectors including Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the country. Economic activity contracted due to the strict lockdown measures. This contraction has also had impact on the MSME sector.

This Ministry does not maintain data of suicides. The Ministry has also not received any such information of suicide of vendors, tradesmen & businessmen as a consequences of pandemic.

- (b): The Ministry of MSME implements various schemes and programmes for growth and development of MSME Sector in the country. These schemes and programmes include Prime Minister's Employment Generation programme (PMEGP), Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), A Scheme for Promoting Innovation, Rural Industry & Entrepreneurship (ASPIRE), Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, Micro and Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP).

Post Covid-19, Government has taken a number of initiatives under Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to support the MSME Sector in the country especially in Covid-19 pandemic. Some of them are:

- i) Rs 20,000 crore Subordinate Debt for MSMEs.
- ii) Rs. 3 lakh crores Collateral free Automatic Loans for business, including MSMEs.
- iii) Rs. 50,000 crore equity infusion through MSME Fund of Funds.
- iv) New revised criteria for classification of MSMEs.
- v) New Registration of MSMEs through 'Udyam Registration' for Ease of Doing Business.
- vi) No global tenders for procurement up to Rs. 200 crores, this will help MSME.

An online Portal "Champions" has been launched on 01.06.2020 by Hon'ble Prime Minister. This covers many aspects of e-governance including grievance redressal and handholding of MSMEs. Through the portal, total 40,445 grievances have been redressed upto 29.11.2021.
