

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.841**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2016**

**Challenges faced by SMEs**

841. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the SMEs still face challenges in developing new products and processes due to their smaller scale, inadequate institutional mechanisms, limited access to capital, low awareness and compliance with international standards; and  
(b) if so, the steps taken thereon?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)**

(a) & (b): Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has informed that SMEs still face challenges in developing new products and processes due to inadequate institutional mechanism, limited access to capital and low awareness and compliance with international standards.

To address these challenges, MSME is implementing a number of schemes and programmes like Tool Rooms & Technical Institutions, Technology Centres Systems Programme (TCSP), Cluster Development Programme, Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS), National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP), Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and Financial Support to MSMEs in ZED (Zero Defect Zero Effect) Certification Scheme etc.

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