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A copy of the minutes of the fourth meeting of the National Board for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NBMSME) held on 12th March, 2008 (Wednesday), at Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, Committee Hall No. A, New Delhi is enclosed.

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To

1. All the Members, NBMSME
2. Chairman KVIC/Chairman Coir Board/CMD NSIC
3. Special invitees: (i) Sh. K.R. Arya, Executive Director, National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), A-23, Sector - 62, Industrial Area, Phase-II, NOIDA – 201301 (UP).
(ii) Dr. U.B. Raju, Director, National Institute for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (ni-msme), Yousufguda, Hyderabad – 45.
(iii) Sh. K. Ahmed, Director, Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Basistha, Chariali, Lalmati, Guwahati – 29.
(iv) Shri Pankaj Gupta, President, Industries Association of Uttarakhand.
(v) Shri A. Shanmugavelayuthan, President, Tamil Nadu Small and Tiny Industries Association, 10, GST Road, Guindy, Chennai- 32.
(vi) Sh. Dinesh N. Awasthi, Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) (via Ahmedabad Air Port & Indira Bridge), P.O. Bhat – 382428, Distt. Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.
4. AS&FA / EA / JS (PK) / JS (SKP) / JS & ADC / ADC (Admn.) / ADC&EA / IA (SMA) / AIAs / AEA / JDCs

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the National Board for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (NBMSMEs) held on 12 March 2008 (Wednesday) at 11:00 AM in Committee Hall 'A', Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi

The Fourth Meeting of the National Board for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NBMSMEs) was held in the Committee Hall 'A', Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi on 12 March 2008. The list of participants is at Annex-'A-1'.

2. The meeting commenced with the welcome of Minister of MSME and the Member(VSE) Planning Commission.

3. In his opening remarks, Minister (MSME) welcomed the participants on the occasion of the Fourth Meeting of the NBMSME. He referred to the earlier three meetings of the Board which considered important issues relating to promotion and development of MSMEs such as credit availability, preferential procurement policy for MSMEs and marketing activities of the NSIC. He stated that the agenda for the fourth meeting relates to entrepreneurship and skill development. While expressing appreciation of the valuable contribution made by the MSME sector, echoed by the Finance Minister in his Budget proposal, he assured the members that the Government is committed to the development of this sector and to see that new schemes are brought forward to ensure a coordinated all round development of MSME sector and that the existing facilities to the sector are increased. He added that the rate of one time guarantee fee has been reduced from 1.5% to 1% and on the annual service charge on loan up to RS.5 lakh has been reduced from 0.75% to 0.5% under the credit guarantee scheme. He added that in order to facilitate credit availability, a fund of RS.2000 crore has been constituted with SIDBI and a Risk Capital Fund of RS.2000 crore is also proposed. He stated that entrepreneurship and skill development form the backbone of the country. While observing that the concept that entrepreneurs are born has proved a myth, he added that even commoners can be turned into an entrepreneur with adequate training and incentive. He said that such people not only create new opportunities for employment but also provides employment opportunities to others. He emphasized the need for skill

development and training for entrepreneurship development in order to bring the vast multitude of the people into the mainstream of economic development. He further stated that for the development of MSEs, especially the first generation ones the entrepreneurship development and training is the key and this significant responsibility has been entrusted to the Ministry of MSME. He added that for the purpose of conducting this work, Ministry of MSME has set up three national level EDIs, namely National Institute of MSME, Hyderabad, (NIMSME), Indian Entrepreneur Institute (IIE), Guwahati and National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida. He added that the Ministry is also implementing an important scheme for setting up of new Entrepreneurship Development Institutes and strengthening of the training structure of the existing institutes under which assistance of up to RS.1 crore is provided, on the basis of matching contribution, He further stated that several schemes are being run through the medium of MSME Development Institutes and Tool Rooms set up under the 010 DC (MSME).

He expressed a sense of deep sorrow to inform that Shri Prakash Pranjpe, Member of Parliament and a Member of the Board expired on 20 February 2008. As a mark of respect to the departed soul, all present observed one minute's silence. He then requested Member Secretary to begin the proceedings of the meeting.

4. The Member Secretary thereafter took up the agenda points of the meeting one by one. The Minutes of third meeting of the NBMSME were confirmed by the members as proposed.

5. On the Action Taken Report, Mr. Joginder Kumar, President, Federation of Tiny & Small Industries (FOTSI), referred to the guidelines of the RBI cited at Page-13 of the agenda note where the content of the RBI letter dated 21 September 2007 refers to the Small and Medium Enterprises, ignoring the Micro sector, in spite of the earlier decision of the NBMSME. He added that this letter of the RBI dated 21 September 2007 was issued after the implementation

of the MSME Act, 2006 and cavalier attitude on the part of the RBI and the Ministry of Finance needs to be mended. CMO, SIOBI intervened to say that it seems to be a typing error on the part of the RBI. However, it was decided that RBI could refer to the sector in the entirety as Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises rather than merely Small and Medium Enterprises. Continuing further, Mr. Joginder Kumar said that in spite of the fact that they constitute over 99% of the MSMEs, micro enterprises are suffering the most in the present scenario. He added that since this is the first time the National Board is meeting after the presentation of the Budget, it is time to assess its content also. He stated that the steel prices have increased so much that it has become difficult for Micro and Small Enterprises to survive. He cited the fact that his letters addressed to the Ministry of MSME and even those referred by the Prime Minister's Office are not being replied to. Requesting him to cite any such letter, the Minister of MSME decided that every letter of Mr. Joginder Kumar would be replied to. Mr. Joginder Kumar added that there is a need to conduct a cross country study on the Micro sector to understand what has happened in other countries, so that the micro enterprises in India can learn from this shared experience.

6. The President of Laghu Udyog Bharti, Er. Sushil Kumar Gupta, thanked the Minister of MSME for taking keen interest in the promotion and development of MSMEs. However, he said that the steel prices have gone beyond control and that unless the steel prices are brought down, the MSMEs will suffer irreparable loss. He requested the Minister of MSME to take up the matter with the Prime Minister for expeditious action. He added that the Micro and SmaU Enterprises in Punjab, UP and Haryana have suffered the most because of this increase in prices. He said that the problem has been further compounded by the imposition of restrictions on the operation of scrap-based re-rolling mills. He pleaded strongly for the removal of these restrictions. He further raised the issue of the non-inclusion of the increase in excise exemption from Rs.1.5 crore to Rs.3 crore in the Budget, which was expected by the MSMEs and for which they had made

a representation to the Finance Minister as well. He added that with the steep increase in steel prices and other inputs, there was a strong case for raising the excise exemption for MSMEs. The President of Federation of Industries and Commerce of North Eastern Region (FINER), Mr. S.K. Jain, added that there should be price escalation clauses for MSMEs for all the Government tenders. This would nullify the effect of enhancement of prices of steel and other inputs. He said that this provision must be made particularly for the North East.

7. The President of Bombay Small Scale Industries Association (BSSIA), Mr. Raksh Pal Abrol, stated that the Finance Minister in his Budget Speech (2008-09) has stated that there has been a persistent rise in the number of registered and unregistered units amongst the Micro and Small Enterprises. He objected to the use of phrases in contravention of the MSMED Act, 2006, which had obliterated the registration of small scale industries and had replaced it with the filing of Entrepreneurs Memorandum (EM). Citing impromptu figures, Mr. Abrol stated that the provision of guarantee for loans of more than RS.2000 crore under the Credit Guarantee Scheme covering only 89000 units implies that the average loan guarantee was to the tune of RS.2.7 lakh per enterprise. He strongly pleaded for raising the limit of collateral free loan up to RS.25 lakh instead of Rs. 5 lakh. He also added that the confusing figure of RS.50 lakh of loans assisted for credit guarantee and the RS.5 lakh loan without collateral security should be removed. CMD, SIDBI clarified to say that the Budget 2008-09 has reduced the one time fee for all loans up to RS.5 lakh from 1.5% to 1% and the annual charges from 0.75% to 0.5%. This step has been taken to further ease the availability of the loans for MSEs up to Rs.5 lakh. He added that the current number of units assisted by CGTMSE has risen to 92000 by the end of February and that every year the number would increase by 25000-30000.

8. Mr. Sudarshan Sareen, President of All India Confederation of Small & Micro Industries Association (AICOSMIA), complimented the Ministry of MSME for initiating a slew of measures for the promotion and development of MSMEs.

He, however, rued the fact that the equivalent results have not been exhibited. He added that while the Budget (2008-09) has announced the waiver of loans for the farming sector, the micro and small enterprises are not even able to access loans from financial institutions. He welcomed the Action Taken Report of the Ministry of MSME on the decisions taken in the third meeting of the NBMSME. However, he added that the speed of implementation could improve further, particularly over the Procurement Preference Policy for which the Cabinet Note needs to be circulated quickly. He added that the Budget had belied the expectations of the MSME sector. He added that the entire MSME sector expected the increase in the ceiling on excise exemption to be enhanced from RS.1.5 crore to at least RS.3 crore. He also said that the Marketing Development Fund, referred to in the ATR, should be provided to the tune of Rs.500 crore every year, as proposed in the Abid Hussain Committee Report.

9. The President of Gujarat State Small Industries Federation (GSSIF), Mr. Atul D. Kapasi, complained that the RBI guidelines are not being followed for collateral free lending. He added that Branch Managers seek personal guarantees in contravention of these guidelines. According to him, the guidelines should be made mandatory with a provision for stringent punishment for violation by Bank Managers. Minister of MSME also advised the ED of RBI to take proactive steps for the enforcement of the guidelines which are being avoided by several branches of banks. CMO, SIOBI explained that personal guarantee can be sought by the branch managers even when collateral free lending is provided. According to him, collateral free lending merely implies that third party guarantee need not be provided. This interpretation was vehemently objected to by the Presidents of GSSIF and BSSIA. The Vice Chairperson of NBMSME requested CMD, SIOBI to explain the meaning of personal guarantee for disadvantaged sections of the society notably SC/SI/women and minorities. CMO, SIOBI explained that sole proprietors constitute an overwhelming proportion of the MSMEs and personal guarantees could be in order in addition to the hypothecation of the assets/plant and machinery of the enterprise.

10. The President of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction Association for Small & Tiny Enterprises (IFRASTE), Mr. DE. Ramakrishnan, commended the Ministry of MSME for obtaining the extension of the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS). He also recommended the insertion of suitable clauses in the tender documents to provide for a pass through effect for raw materials cost, particularly for Micro and Small Enterprises. He voiced a strong personal objection to the idea mooted by CMD, SIDBI about the possibility of seeking personal guarantees by Bank Managers for the bank loans up to RS.5 lakh which are supposed to be disbursed without insistence on collateral security. While welcoming the initiative of the credit guarantee scheme of the Ministry of MSME, Mr. Ramakrishnan pointed out that the number of assisted units is low and that the banks, particularly the Indian Banks Association (IBA) need to promote the idea for popularising the scheme. He complimented the Ministry of MSME on the Note on Procurement Preference Policy and added that the deliberation of the last meeting could be added and the Note circulated at an early date.

11. The President of Tamil Nadu Small and Tiny Industries Association (TANSTIA), Mr. A. Shanmugavelayuthan, thanked the Government of Tamil Nadu for the recently announced MSME policy for the promotion and development of MSMEs in the State. Regarding the credit guarantee scheme, he stated that the nationalised banks like the SBI are not promoting it to the desired level and as such agencies-like RILC, Cooperative Bank and local banks should be added as Member Lending Institutions (MUs) for extending the facilities. He added that organisations like the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) should not increase the price of raw materials when they have annual agreement for supply and prices with the suppliers like NALCO, etc. He also added that NSIC should create an inspection wing of its own and should follow the Report of GM-DIC.

12. The President of Kerala State Small Industries Association (KSSIA), Mr. A.P.M. Abdul Rahim, stated that several applications for assistance under the credit guarantee scheme are rejected. He added that State Bank of Travancore cites the fact that defaults are not taken care by the CGTMSE leading to hesitation on the part of Bank Managers to lend. CMD, SIDBI stated that the Tamil Nadu (12000) and Kerala (14500) are one of the highest coverage States under the credit guarantee scheme. Regarding the inclusion of TIIC as an MLI, CMD, SIDBI stated that they wanted to include it, but were unable to do so owing to the negative net worth of TIIC. He added that the moment TIIC is able to exhibit a positive net worth, they would be included. He also promised to look at the possibility of inclusion of Tamil Nadu Cooperative Bank and other local banks as MUs. Referring to the comments of the representative of LUB, CMD SIDBI said that the coverage of credit guarantee scheme in UP was 10000, which needed to be increased further.

13. The President of Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA), Mr. M.C.R. Shetty, stated that the SME sector has not got much in the Budget 2008-09. He stated that the only worthwhile step is about the reduction of one time and annual charges under the CGS. He mooted the idea of waiver of all processing charges for credit guarantee.

14. Mr. H.P. Kumar, CM", NS-IC, referring to the points raised by the President of TANSTIA, stated that NSIC is, in consultation with NALCD, BALCD, etc., finalising new MoUs in two months. He said that NSIC will try to finalise the firm quantities at the first stage and would be happy to finalise firm prices over a fairly long period of time during the second stage, to provide a cushion against rising raw material prices. He added that he had held a meeting with the DGS&D and also offered the option to MSEs to choose the agency for inspection, whether the Director of Industries or NSIC under the Single Point Registration Scheme.(SPRS).

15. The President of Federation of Associations of Small Industries of India (FASII), Mr. S. Rajagopal, referred to Page-8 of the agenda note pertaining to the One Time Settlement (OTS). He stated that since the period for eligibility was concluded in March 2006, there is a case for its extension for five more years by all commercial banks.

16. The President of Madhya Pradesh Laghu Udyog Sangh (MPLUS), Dr. Radha Sharan Goswami, stated that he would like to highlight the positive features of the functioning of the MSMEs and the work done by the Ministry of MSME. He stated that the MSE Facilitation Councils have been constituted in the State of Madhya Pradesh and have actively started announcing their verdicts in the references for delayed payment to MSEs made to them. He added that this has led to a considerable reduction in the delivery period of payment due to MSEs. He added that in Bhopal, not even one sick micro enterprise can be located and that the figures of sickness in the MSEs need to be questioned. He, however, sought periodic interactions with the Ministry of MSME and invited the Minister of MSME to visit Bhopal for guiding and advising the entrepreneurs. He debunked the idea of the collateral free lending and instead mooted the concept of reduction of service charges levied for loans between RS.5 lakh and Rs.50 lakh. He added that the reduction of one time and annual charges for credit guarantee are cosmetic in nature and there is a case for reduction in the interest rates applicable for the MSEs. He also stressed the enlargement of marketing development assistance in the country. Towards the end, he once again invited the Minister of MSME to spare one hour for interactions with entrepreneurs in the State capitals.

17. Mr. Devi Dayal stated that while the number of MSMEs has increased consistently, the sector is not in a very good condition. Adding that the Governments in countries like China promote the MSME sector in a coordinated manner, he desired that a comparative study could be conducted to understand the classification of Micro and Small Enterprises in those countries and the

promotional efforts made by the Governments. Thereafter the Government could publicise the efforts in a coordinated manner, which could be utilised by the entrepreneurs. Berating the behaviour of Bank Managers towards the MSEs, he added that the time for the clearance of loans should be specified. He also added that most of the State Financial Corporations had become defunct and there was a need for their revival.

18. The President of Jharkhand Small and Tiny Industries Association (JSTIA), Mr. G.P. Dalmia, complimented the Ministry of MSME for the action taken on the credit availability front, an issue which was discussed in the first meeting of the NBMSME. He said that according to the latest RBI Report, the financing of the MSEs has risen to 10%. He, however, added that there is a need to increase the lending to the MSEs further to achieve its earlier percentage of 16% of the total lending by banks. He also added that the RBI has specified that if a bank lends lesser than 10%, the shortfall would go to SIDBI to be utilised for promotion of MSEs. He added that the Budget introduced by FM belied the expectation of the MSME sector. He said that the expectations of the sector relating to the enhancement of the excise exemption units, waiver of FBT/MAT, lower income tax rates for the MS,Es,etc., have not materialised in the Budget. Commenting on the functioning of the MSE Facilitation Councils, Mr. Devi Dayal said that while in some States like West Bengal the MSE-FCs have held more than 10 meetings, in States like Bihar and Jharkhand, no meeting has taken place. He suggested that since punishment cannot be awarded to the non-performing State Government officers, awards for Ministers/Directors for outstanding performance could be considered as an incentive. He added that RS.5000/- charged as registration fee under the SPRS was too high for Micro and Small Enterprises. He justified his reasoning by drawing attention of the members to the fact that the registration fee is the same for Micro Enterprises and those with investment in plant and machinery up to RS.5 crore. He also added that the insistence on three years experience of the MSE should be done away with for eligibility under free availability of tender sets, etc. He said that

even when the experience of three years is not there, an MSE could be given other facilities except the security free orders. CMD, NSIC refuted the claim that three years experience was essential for registration under SPRS. He clarified that existence of the unit is more than enough. He added that he had taken note of the suggestion for reduction of registration fee for Micro Enterprises.

19. Minister of Rural & Small Scale Industries, Government of Tamil Nadu, Shri Pongalur N. PaJanisamy, said that MSME Policy 2008 was released by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 22 February 2008 for the first time in the State. He stated that the main thrust would be on enhancing competitiveness and scalable capacity of MSMEs besides encouraging agro-based industries for increasing value-addition and giving better income to the farmers. He added that the Policy also aims at a sustained annual growth rate of over 10% for MSMEs and to promote 10 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities during the Eleventh Plan period. Regarding the establishing of EDIs by the State Governments, he informed that Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI), Chennai, was constituted by the Government of Tamil Nadu as a Society during November 2001 after a thorough feasibility study conducted by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmedabad. He stated that the vision and mission of this Institute was to provide a role model for all similar institutions which have embarked upon entrepreneurship training in the State. He added that the chief objectives of this Institution are (i) to harness the industrial potential and (ii) to develop, groom and hone up their skills for future industrial needs. He said that the EDI is sufficiently equipped to conduct training programmes on development schemes, product diversification, capital investment, Governance, material and manpower management, growth related training programme, etc. He added that the EDI, Chennai has so far trained 33291 PMRY beneficiaries through modular course which also facilitates balanced regional spread of industrial activity especially towards less developed locations of the State, small towns and rural backward areas. He stated that the EDI, Chennai, is now functioning from its own premises and keeping the future space requirements in

mind adequate space with modern amenities has been earmarked in a multistoried complex to be constructed shortly at Guindy, Chennai. He stated that the Institute has also levied fees / user charges from the potential entrepreneurs for the facilities provided, which has made the Institute a financially viable and self-sustaining in nature. He stated that a proposal for modernizing / strengthening and expansion of existing infrastructure including provision of teaching aids, computers and equipments in headquarters, 4 regions and 16 districts in the State in order to encourage geographic distribution of the Institute across the State is under preparation and the same will be sent to Government of India to get financial assistance. He added that the State Government will provide suitable land worth of more than Rs.30 crores in these places. He requested the Government of India to provide assistance of Rs.15 crore-s and extend its continued support including financial assistance of 50% of the expenditure for imparting training through EOI, Chennai on the various schemes announced by Government of India and Government of Tamil Nadu. He stated that Tamil Nadu State is one of the best performing States in respect of implementation of various Government Schemes and it has continued to do well under PMRY since inception. He added that all the General Managers are taking effective steps to achieve the target for the year 2007-08 and, as on 29.02.2008, 98.99% has been achieved in respect of sanction and 53.16% in respect of disbursement. He said that he understood that Government of India has decided to merge the PMRY Scheme and REGP Scheme with effect from 2008-09 and the subsidy levels are proposed to be enhanced from the existing levels in both PMRY and REGP. He requested that the proposed Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) should be entrusted to the District Industries Centres since DICs are performing effectively in the districts in implementing PMRY Scheme and other Schemes related to MSMEs. In respect of capacity assessment of Industrial Unit and terms of quality and standards, volume of production, financial capacity, etc., for registration with NSIC, he reiterated that the same has to be entrusted to DICs only. He requested that necessary instructions may be issued in this regard to the States.

Concluding his speech, he thanked Minister of MSME for giving him the opportunity to present the views on behalf of the MSEs of Southern Zone.

20. Mrs. Kiron Bora, General Secretary of North East Women Entrepreneurs Association (NEWEA) stated that a Special Cell for the North East should be constituted in the Ministry of MSME to make special plans and programmes for the North East and especially in Assam to touch the downtrodden tribal and deprived poor but educated SC/ST people of the region. She said that the funds which are allocated for the programmes should be granted well in advance so that programmes can be arranged in a more organised way in time. She stated that upper Assam, which consists of more than six districts, is totally untouched in training programmes, which is a grave concern. She said that the manpower at MSME-DI Guwahati should be increased. She added that a period of two years term for the officers deputed by the Headquarters at MSME-DI Guwahati is not sufficient and suggested that it should be increased to at least three years. She stated that no proper Industrial Potential Survey has been done in the districts of Assam in depth and desired to know the number of Industrial Survey Reports done in the North East till date. She expressed concern over the non-utilisation of a beautiful building with a big open area at Jorhat, which has been lying vacant for the last 10 years or so on closure of an Extension Centre. She suggested that this building can be utilised for opening a branch of MSME-DI for covering upper Assam, a centre for training purposes, a Food Processing Unit and a field testing centre. Regarding ISO-9000, she said that North East is totally ignorant on account of lack of information. She desired to know about the action taken to make the entrepreneurs aware of the matter and informed that even Government officials in North East do not know about it. She strongly suggested conducting awareness programmes and training about ISO-9000 in North East. She said that TREAD programme is a highly effective programme and informed that MSME-DI Guwahati had sent four proposals in the year 2006 which are still awaiting for sanction and requested to look into the matter. She expressed faith in the dynamic leadership of Minister of MSME and stated that

NEWEA hope that special attention would be given to the North East especially Assam and to make North East grow with more MSME activities like in Maharashtra, Bombay, Karnataka, etc.

21. The Secretary of Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Karnataka (AWAKE), Ms. Revathi Venkataraman, stated that most of the Bank Managers raise technical objections for rejection of loan. She added that information about the RBI guidelines does not flow down to the Bank Managers and proactive efforts on the part of the bank authorities are required in the matter. Complimenting the efforts of the Ministry of MSME in skill development, she offered the assistance of AWAKE for establishment or operation of EDIs. She added that AWAKE is also submitting a proposal for the establishment of an EDI shortly.

22. Lt. Gen.(Retd.) Bopinder Singh, Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, expressed his gratitude for the suggestions made by the entrepreneurs in the meeting, which could assist him in formulating an effective policy for the promotion and development of MSMEs in A&N Islands. He added that the vast expanse of 8249 sq. kms. of area of the A&N Islands is roughly 1200 kms. away from the main land, leading to a psychological gulf from the main stream. He added that 93% of the area of the Islands is either reserved forest or deemed forest, leaving only 7% for other activities. With the stoppage of Timber industry because of the orders of the Supreme Court, efforts need to be put in by the A&N Islands Administration for the promotion of the MSME sector, for which he would make efforts to draw a roadmap for the overall socio-economic development of the region. He added that the focus for this promotion would be to tap the resources relating to fishing and eco-tourism primarily. He requested for the constitution of a Committee of experts for drawing such a roadmap. He added that while there is no EDI in A&N Islands, he would look at the models of Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, etc., and would seek the assistance of the Government of India

for fulfilling the requirements of entrepreneurship development, marketing and other requirements for the promotion and development of MSMEs.

23. Chairman of the Coir Board, Mr. A.C. Jose, expressed his agreement with the suggestions of the participants. He added that the number of officers of SIOBI in Kerala could be increased for enhancing its coverage. He expressed the requirement of more Entrepreneurship Development Institutes in Kerala and expressed his support for the activities of entrepreneurship development.

24. The President of KASSIA suggested proper monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of different schemes/programmes like cluster development, functioning of MSE Facilitation Councils, etc., since some of the State Governments were not implementing them properly. He also stated that there is need to monitor implementation of Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS), after its continuation, with several hundred applications pending for release of subsidy.

25. The Chairman (SME Committee) of PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Dr. J.S. Juneja, expressed his view that while the economic survey points out the growth exhibited by the MSME sector to the extent of 12.6%, states like Punjab, Bihar, etc., were actually going down in performance. Making a case for overall spatially distributed development, he pointed out that the present pattern of development provides only for pockets of excellence. Welcoming the regular holding of meetings of the NBMSME, Dr. Juneja suggested that the Ministry of MSME could write to all the States for accepting the SPRS on the NSIC model. He reminded the Minister of MSME about his promise to establish a Technology Mission as announced by him in the Parliament in 27 February 2007 while announcing the Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises. He suggested that the next meeting of the NBMSME could be held on the topic of technology and marketing alone.

26. The President of Bengal National Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BNCCI), Mr. K.K. Navada, thanked the Minister for holding the meeting of the NBMSME within the stipulated period of three months. Citing the unjustifiable increase in the prices of steel and other raw materials, he mooted the idea of constitution of an Independent Price Regulator for steel like the power sector. He stated that the withholding of VAT refunds by State Governments has created severe working capital problems for the MSMEs. He added that although even FM says that States cannot be forced by the Union of India, yet the Ministry of MSME could utilise its good offices for getting these refunds expedited. Taking up the issue raised by the CMO, SIOBI, he was of the view that the intent of collateral free lending was to provide for only hypothecation of the assets created, without any personal or third party guarantee. He added that the provisions of the guidelines of RBI should not be circumvented by adding a personal guarantee.

27. The Chairman of Federation of Industries and Commerce of North Eastern Region (FINER), Mr. RS. Joshi, while thanking the Minister of MSME for the meeting of the NBMSME, invited him to visit the North East. He stated that many of the enterprises located in the North East need to be bailed out through the provisions of bridge loans by banks, particularly for confirmed/sanctioned receivable amounts due to the enterprises, to keep them out of the NPA ambit. He stated that the sanctioned subsidy of Rs.700-800 crore still needs to be released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, for which the Ministry of MSME could utilise its good offices. He added that SIOBI needs to increase its exposure in the North East in a proactive manner. He also cited certain examples to highlight the fact that the interest rates are high in the North East. He also suggested that officers not belonging to the North East need to change their mindset for sanctioning loans during their postings in the North East. He also requested for the conduct of a survey to assess growth and contribution to the GOP by the MSMEs in the North East.

28. The representative of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Dr. Sarita Nagpal, congratulated the Ministry of MSME on the extension of the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS) for the Eleventh Five Year Plan and suggested the constitution of a Task Force to tackle the implementation issues. She stated that the coverage under the performance and credit rating scheme has not been very encouraging and efforts need to be made to make it successful.

29. The Member(VSE), Planning Commission and Vice Chairperson of NBMSME, Ms. Syeda Hameed, expressed the support of the Planning Commission towards the promotion and development of MSMEs. She highlighted the contribution made by MSMEs in empowering women and weaker sections of the society and the spatial distribution of the national resources. She supported the promotion of EDIs throughout the country. Citing her recent visit to Darang in Assam, she pointed out the lack of knowledge and biased attitude against women in implementation at different levels. She highlighted the fact that when women apply for micro enterprises, they are said to be running cottage enterprises. Referring to the good representation provided to the development of MSMEs in the Budget (2008-09), she added that MSMEs need to play a greater role in reducing unemployment in the A&N Islands. While stating that the Ministry of MSME and its officers are very sincere, she added that similar sincerity needs to permeate to the financial institutions.

30. Thereafter, a presentation was made by JS&ADC and JS(PK) on the efforts made by the Ministry of MSME in skill development and entrepreneurship development as well as the assistance provided by the Government of India for the establishment of Entrepreneurship Development Institutes (EDIs) (hard copy of the presentation enclosed).

31. To a query from Mr. Joginder Kumar, President, FOTSI, that during the ensuing Census and Survey, the enumerators should not be engaged from other

agencies except the DIC/Development Institutes in view of the earlier experience, the Member Secretary stated that no other person is going to act as an enumerator.

32. Mr. Sudarshan Sareen, President of AICOSMIA, while welcoming the initiatives for skill development launched by the Ministry of MSME, added that there is a need to spread awareness about the recently launched Rajiv Gandhi Udyami Mitra Yojana (RGUMY) and the Participatory Institutes (Pis) Scheme in the country. He added that the assistance of RS.5000-6000/- provided under the RGUMY for handholding, etc., might not be enough. He also added that the insistence on a security of RS.2 lakh in the PPP mode should be waived. Speaking on the conduct of skill development and entrepreneurship development programmes by the Ministry of MSME, Mr. Devi Dayal highlighted that the success rate of entrepreneurship should be increased. He added that there is a need to increase the engagement with the District Industries Centres in the conduct of such programmes.

33. Secretary (MSME), Mr. Dinesh Rai, welcomed the important suggestions given by the members of the NBMSME during its fourth meeting. Listing out some of the suggestions relating to the increase in the prices of steel and other raw material, he assured that the Ministry will make special efforts for mitigating the impact. On the issue of providing a pass through effect in the tenders, while observing that it might be difficult to alter the terms and conditions of already finalised tenders, he added that efforts will be made to find some solution. He added that the Ministry of MSME would take necessary action on the suggestions like the strengthening of the State Financial Corporations, lack of awareness in the North East, constitution of a Committee of experts and other assistance sought by the Lt. Governor of A&N Islands, dissemination of information of the new schemes particularly the RGUMY and Pis, establishment of more EDIs, introduction/revival of the One Time Settlement (OTS) for MSMEs,

SIOBI related points and added that the members would be informed individually about the issues.

34. He added that the MSMEs are the highest employment providing sector in the country next to the agricultural sector. He added that migration of people from rural areas to the urban areas can be stopped only by the promotion and development of MSMEs in the rural areas. He highlighted the necessity of improvement in the supply of power in the rural areas and provision of adequate infrastructure for assisting their development. He cited that with the process of globalisation and liberal imports, the MSMEs face increasing competition. He added that the Ministry of MSME has taken several steps including measures to check delayed payments, upgradation of technology, skill development and introduction of different schemes and programmes for enhancing their competitiveness. He expressed the commitment of the Ministry of MSME for the promotion and development of MSMEs. He added that the suggestions of the members of the NBMSME in financial matters would be forwarded to the Ministry of Finance and followed up for implementation expeditiously. Expressing his faith in the active leadership of the Minister, who regularly tours the rural areas, he added that different issues of concern for the MSMEs could be sorted out in a cordial atmosphere.

35. The Minister of MSME in his concluding remarks recollected the fact that while replying to the debate on the MSMED Bill, 2006 in the Parliament, he had stated that if there are any shortcomings or additional issues to be taken up for the promotion and development of MSMEs, he would tackle the same through discussion and deliberation in the National Board of MSMEs. He added that the commitment of the Prime Minister towards the promotion of the MSMEs is a source of inspiration for his Ministry. He complimented the members of the NBMSME for actively engaging in the points cited in the agenda note and for making important suggestions during these quarterly meetings. He assured the members that he would take up the matter with the Minister of Steel for mitigating

the adverse impact suffered by the MSMEs due to the escalation in steel prices. He expressed his gratitude to the Finance Minister and the Prime Minister for taking expeditious decisions on issues raised by his Ministry. He expressed his fervent belief that only the MSMEs can turn around the economy in India. He expressed his faith in the dedication and sincerity of the officers of the Ministry of MSME and added that State Government officers are also playing a beneficial role in the promotion of MSMEs.

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National Board for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Agenda item

Establishment of EDIs by State Governments

Fourth Meeting
12 March 2008



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Entrepreneurship Development

- One of the key elements for promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), particularly, the first generation entrepreneurs and creation of new employment opportunities
- Cultivates the latent entrepreneurial qualities in youth and enlightens them on various key aspects for setting up MSEs
- Facilitates inclusive and balanced regional growth through new MSEs



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Ministry of MSME: Training Programmes (2006-07)*

Sl no.	NAME OF INSTT.	Training Programmes						
		EDPs		MDPs		SDP/ESDPs		Total
		Program mes	Persons trained	Program mes	Persons trained	Program mes	Persons trained	Persons trained
1.	DI s	33	726	310	8190	1107	24968	33884
2.	Autonomous bodies	0	0	0	0	377	17629	17629
3.	Tool Rooms	0	0	0	0	918	15042	15042
4.	NSIC	0	0	0	0	0	8795	8795
5.	KVIC	0	4430	0	0	0	11944	16374
6.	Coir Board	0	0	0	0	49	8697	8697
7.	NI-MSME	110	4462	78	1465	21	383	6310
8.	IIEs	0	0	0	0	11	263	263
9.	NIESBUD	17	571	0	0	16	390	961
	Total	160	10189	388	9655	2499	88111	107955

* No of Trainees of EDIs not reported

Training Programmes

- Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs)
- Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Programme (ESDPs)
- Management Development Programmes (MDPs)
- Business Skill Development Programmes (BSDPs)
- Industrial Motivation Campaigns (IMCs)

Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EOPs)

- Duration - 2- 4 weeks
- Minimum intake - 20 Participants per course
- No Training fee charged from disadvantage sections- SC , ST, Women, Physically challenged
- 22.5 % of the courses exclusively for disadvantage sections
- Stipend of Rs. 500/- per Month for Exclusive Courses for SC/ST, women & PH

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Course Curriculum

Includes:

- Information on Product / process design
- Manufacturing practices involved
- Project profile Preparation
- Infrastructural facilities available
- Cash Flow & financial Issues
- Marketing Avenues
- Export opportunities etc.

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- Qualification: Normally Middle Pass
- Age : 18 year and above
- Training cost: Rs 200001-
- Programmes conducted in 2006-07: 1140
- No. of persons trained: 25694
- Faculty: In house and outsourced

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Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Proerammes

(ESDPs)

- Comprehensive training programmes
- Upgrade existing skills and to create new skills in workers and technicians of MSEs
- 42 Workshops attached to DIs
- Courses conducted by DIs are in Machine Shop Practice, Heat Treatments, Electroplating, Sheet metal, Welding Tool & Die Making, Carpentry, Lens Grinding, Ceramics, Industrial & Art Wares, etc..
- Besides DIs, Regional Testing Centres, Tool Rooms, PPDCs, TOCs, etc. impart training in different trades

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- Specific tailor made programmes for the skill development of socially disadvantaged groups (OBC, ST, ST, Minorities and women) in less developed areas
- Programmes so far organized:
Herbal Cosmetics, High Fashion Garments, Hosiery, Food & Fruit Processing Industries, Information Technology, Hardware Maintenance, Soap and Detergents, Leather Products/ Novelties, Servicing of Household Electrical Appliances and Electronic Gadgets, Gem Cutting & Polishing, Engineering Plastics, Tour operators, Mobile repairing, Beautician, etc
- Field visits to MSEs and hand-on-training on machines/processes also arranged
- 21,146 persons trained through 897 ESDPs in 2007-08

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Industrial Motivation Campaigns (IMCs)

Industrial Motivation Campaigns (duration of 1 day or 2 days) are organised to identify and motivate traditional / non-traditional entrepreneurs having potential for setting up MSEs so as and to lead them towards self-employment

- AGENCY : MSME- DIs
- DURATION : One or two days.
- MINIMUM INTAKE CAPACITY: No limit
- TRAINING FEE : No Fee.
- Training Cost : Rs.8000t"
- Age : 18 Years and above

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IMCs conducted during last five years

Year	Nos.of program -me	No.of participants			
		SC	ST	Women	Total
2002-03	156	862	1081	3841	14085
2003-04	191	1077	1088	2684	18513
2004-05	500	3091	2467	8702	56920
2005- 06	681	4711	2080	13767	76000
2006-07	633	5969	1865	16537	71461
Total	2161	15710	8581	45531	236979

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Business Skill Development Programme (BSDP)

- Tailor-made courses to encourage / motivate educated youth (students)
- Devised to start self employment venture of MSEs and thus instrument in employment generation.
- During the year 2007-08:. 65 Programmes conducted and 1625 youths motivated

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Management Development Programmes (MDPs)

- Objective: improve decision-making capabilities for higher productivity and profitability of existing & potential entrepreneurs
- Management Training for owner-cum-manager and supervisory level personnel of MSEs.
- Continuously re-structured in their content keeping in view the demands of the area and the local requirements of the industries.
- Subjects cover ----- Industrial Management, Human Resource Management, Marketing Management, Export Management & Documentation, Materials Management, Financial Management, I.T & Exports, ISO 9000, WTO, IPR, etc.

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MDPs conducted during last five years

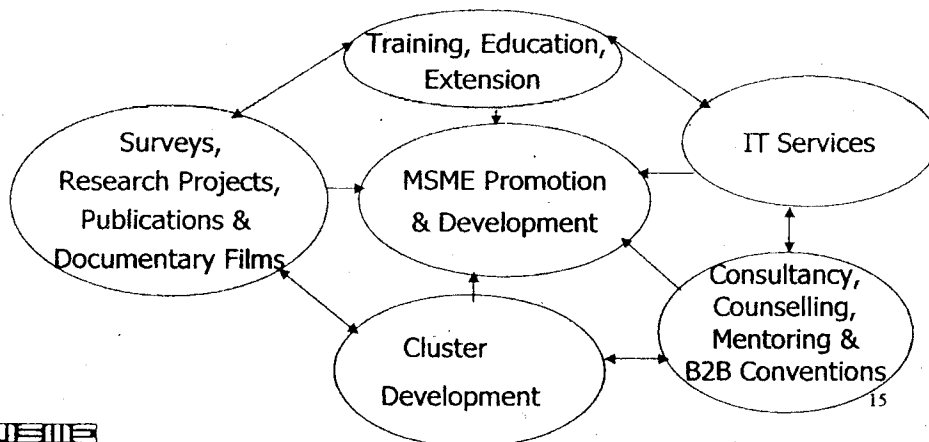
Year	Nos.of program -me	No.of participants			
		SC	ST	Women	Total
2002-03	124	451	125	596	3349
2003-04	148	530	220	595	3874
2004-05	269	868	474	953	7291
2005-06	372	1400	700	1400	8700
2006-07	310	963	394	1515	8190
Total	1223	4212	1913	5059	31404

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Entrepreneurship Development Institutes (EDIs)

EDIs are at the core of MSE promotion and development - they enlarge the entrepreneurial base and create self-employment opportunities through a spectrum of activities



Therefore ...

To promote entrepreneurship development, Ministry of (MSME) has set up three national-level EDIs:

- (i) National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NI-MSME), Hyderabad
- (ii) National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida
- (iii) Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati

Primary Function:

- Development of training modules,
- Research & Training,
- Consultancy services for entrepreneurship development and promotion of MSMEs.

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Scheme for Assistance for Strengthening of Training Infrastructure of Existing and New Entrepreneurship Development Institutes (EDIs)

- Launched in June, 1993.
- Provides financial assistance for setting up of new EDIs and for modernisation of existing EDIs.
- Grant upto Rs. 1 crore is provided, on a matching (50:50) basis, for creation/upgradation of infrastructure and training aids, etc.

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Scheme for Assistance for Strengthening of Training Infrastructure of Existing and New EDIs

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- Balance 50% of the cost to be contributed by State/JT Governments or other agencies.
- Central assistance is only catalytic and supplementary to efforts of State/JT Governments and other agencies.
- Grant is of non-recurring and capital nature.

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Scheme for Assistance for Strengthening of Training Infrastructure of Existing and New EDIs

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Financial assistance provided to 26 EDIs. (State-wise details)

State	EDIs Assisted	State	EDIs Assisted
Andhra Pradesh	3	Madhya Pradesh	1
Bihar	1	Maharashtra	1
Gujarat	1	Orissa	2
Haryana	2	Rajasthan	2
Himachal Pradesh	1	Tamil Nadu	3
Jammu & Kashmir	1	Tripura	1
Jharkhand	1	Uttar Pradesh	1
Karnataka	3	West Bengal	1
Kerala	1		
Total 26			19

Scheme of Entrepreneurship Development Centres (EDCs) through Partner Institutions in PPP mode

Three national-level EDIs have recently come out with a scheme of setting up of EDCs through Partner Institutions (PIs). National EDIs would be collaborating with PIs for organising training programmes and for implementing other income generating schemes/programmes, especially in the remote and backward areas

-THE WAY AHEAD:

-More EDIs required

-Skill development and inclusive growth - focus during XI plan

-State Governments and Pvt. Sector to largely contribute

-Skill Development Corporation - Budget 2008-09

-M/o L& E - upgradation of MS and inclusion of a module on EDPs through M/o MSME



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