

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 45**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

**LEAN MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS SCHEME**

45. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

- (a) the details of progress made under various components of the Lean Manufacturing Competitiveness Scheme for the period of 2014-18;
- (b) the number of units that have been suspended from a Mini-Cluster till date and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of performance parameters and targets that have been defined under the said scheme; and
- (d) whether before and after status reports have been prepared for all the identified clusters on the various parameters and if so, the details thereof along with the details of the number of clusters that have achieved the time bound targets for incremental improvements?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
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(a): 478 Mini Clusters have been formed under the scheme during the period 2014-18.

(b): 238 units are reported to have dropped out of the scheme at different stages of implementation due to various reasons such as closure of the unit, change of business, other personal reasons, etc.

(c)&(d): Under the scheme, the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises are assisted with the target to reduce waste, better space utilization, reduction in inventory, improvement in productivity & process flow, timely delivery etc. Baseline data and post implementation data are collected for units covered under the scheme. As per the Independent Evaluation Study of the scheme, following outcomes have been reported:

- (i) Enhancement of productivity.
- (ii) Reduction of waste.
- (iii) Increased employee morale.
- (iv) Reduction in transportation cost, improvement in inventory management, etc.

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