INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE & ROLE OF SSI IN INDIAN ECONOMY

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SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIES SECTOR

<u>In 1977</u>

- Units having investment of less than Rs 10 lakh were defined as small-scale industrial undertakings
- For ancillary units, the investment limit was Rs15 lakh
- Units with investment of less than Rs 1 lakh were defined as tiny enterprises.

In 1991 (Year of Economic reforms)

- Investment limit for small-scale industries was Rs 60 lakh
- For ancillary units Rs 75 lakh
- For tiny enterprises Rs 5 lakh

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<u>In 2000</u>

- Investment limit for SSI was Rs I crore
- For ancillary unit Rs I crore
- For tiny enterprise Rs 25 lakh

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006

Classification:

- a) Manufacturing Enterprises
- b) Service Enterprises

a) Manufacturing Enterprises

Micro enterprise

Investment in plant and machinery does not exceed Rs 25 lakh

Small enterprise

Investment in plant and machinery is more than Rs 25lakh but does not exceed Rs 5 crore

Medium enterprise

Investment in plant and machinery is more than Rs 5 crore but does not exceed Rs 10 crore

b) Service Enterprises

Micro enterprise

Investment in equipment does not exceed Rs 10 lakh

Small enterprise

Investment in equipment is more than Rs 10lakh but does not exceed Rs 2 crore

Medium enterprise

Investment in equipment is more than Rs 2 crore but does not exceed Rs 5 crore

Role and Performance of Cottage & Small Scale Industries in Indian Economy

- Expansion of SSI Sector & its share in Industrial Poduction
- 2. Employment Generation
- 3. Efficiency of Small Scale industries
- 4. Equitable Distribution of National income
- 5. Mobilisation of Capital & Entrepeneurial Skill
- 6. Regional Dispersal of Industries
- 7. Less Industrial Disputes

Expansion of SSI Sector & its share in Industrial Poduction

- Number of units in the SSI sector stood at 109.5 lakh in 2002-03 .Out of this 16.0 lakh (registered) and 93.5 lakh (unregistered).This rose to 133.68 lakh in 2007-08
- Output of the SSI sector in 2002-03 was Rs3.06.771 crore and rose to Rs 5.32.979 crore in 2007-08 (at 2001-02 prices)
- Rate of growth of output exceeded 12 per cent in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08
- According to Fourth Census of SSI units of 2006-07, there are about 260 lakh MSMEs that contribute about 8 per cent of GDP and about 45 per cent of manufactured output

Employment Generation

- SSI sector employed 263.7 lakh people in 2002-03 and this number rose to 322.28 lakh people in 2007-08.
- If persons employed in the medium enterprises are also included, the number of people employed in the MSME sector presently stands at around 600 lakh
- Within the manufacturing sector itself, small and decentralised sector contributes about 4/5th of manufacturing employment in India

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- Rural non-farm sector accounting for about 22 per cent of rural employment can play a crucial role in the further expansion of employment opportunities in the rural areas
- In urban areas employment potential seems to be the largest in the non-household, tiny sector segment of the manufacturing sector
- Labour intensity in micro and small enterprises sector is almost 4 times higher than the large enterprises.

Efficiency of Small Scale Industries

- Some studies have pointed out that small-scale industries are more efficient, others point out that large-scale industries are more efficient
- Dhar and Lydall concluded that modem small- scale industry is fairly capital intensive; that is, these units do not generate more employment per unit of capital than large-scale industry
- Bishwanath Goldar found that SSIs (compared to the large-scale industries) generally have low labour productivity, high capital productivity, low capital intensity (measured as capital per employee) and low total factor productivity

- Ownership of small-scale industries is more widespread than the ownership of large-scale industries
- They possess a much larger employment potential as compared to the large industries

Mobilisation of Capital & Entrepreneurial Skill

- A number of entrepreneurs are spread over small towns and villages of the country.
- Large- scale industries cannot utilise them as effectively as the small-scale and village industries distributed over the entire length and breadth of the country.
- Large-scale industries cannot mobilise the savings done by people in areas far flung from the urban centres

- But this task can be effectively accomplished by setting up a network of small- scale and cottage industries
- A large number of other resources spread over the country can be put to an effective use by the small-scale and cottage industries
- Rapid development of small-scale industries in the post-Independence period is a proof that given the necessary credit, power and technical knowledge, a large quantity of latent resources of the economy can be mobilised for purposes of industrial development.

Regional Dispersal of Industries

- There is concentration of large-scale industries in the states of Maharashtra, West Bengal. Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. Thus, disparities in industrial development have increased.
- Even within these industrialised states, industries have tended to get concentrated in a few large cities like Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai.

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- People migrate in large numbers from villages and lower order urban centres to these centres of industrial development
- This swells the population of slums and creates various social and personal problems. The whole urban environment gets polluted
- As against this, the small-scale industries are mostly set up to satisfy local demand and they can be dispersed over all the State very easily. They can also effect a qualitative change in the economy of a State.

Less Industrial Disputes

- Small-scale industries are free from such hazards and there is consequently less loss of output
- In capitalistic form of production whether the unit is small or large, the mill-owner does exploit the workers. This does lead to tensions and conflicts
- Labourers working in large- scale industries are organised and resort to collective action (in the form of strike), workers in small-scale industries are not organised and have no way of expressing their resentment.