

Economic Advisor MSME chairs meeting of entrepreneurs at Baramulla

Baramulla, May 24: Economic Advisor of Union Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) D P S Negi today chaired a meeting here at Dak Bungalow to examine and review the development of industrial growth through MSME and to project appropriate proposals for its development in the district.

Meeting was attended by DDC Baramulla Dr Nasir Ahmad Naqash, Director Industries and Commerce, Director KVIB, Secretary KVIB, AD MSME, Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, General Manager DIC Baramulla, industrialists, entrepreneurs, representatives of various trade associations of the district and others concerned.

On the occasion DDC presented the district profile and informed the chair about the economic viability of potential industrial sectors. He said that the district is endowed with enormous potential in some sectors including apple production, walnut processing, Tourism and other agriculture and Horticulture produce. He also briefed the chair about the cross LOC trade that is being carried through the district.

Meanwhile, the DDC appraised the Advisor about various issues of industrial sector and said that lack of proper infrastructure hampers the way of effective utilization of the resources. He also proposed some measures, adding that these sectors can absorb a large manpower thereby improving the socio economic index of the society.

Negi discussed various prospects for promotion of MSMEs with industrialists and entrepreneurs of the district. He appreciates their suggestion in this direction and offered warm assurance towards realizing them on priority.

He said that Baramulla with the abundance of natural resources has been chosen as an Aspirational District and the purpose of his visit is to put out ways for their maximum utilization viz-a-viz minimal disturbances of environmental sustainability.

Representatives of various departments including industrialists and entrepreneurs urged support for the promotion of agriculture and allied sectors towards bettering the living standards of all those associated with these sectors. They demanded establishment of cold storage, processing plant for boosting of entrepreneurship in agriculture and allied sectors, clusterization of industrial units, concession of interest on entrepreneurial loans and acquisition of state land for establishing new industrial units. The Economic Advisor had a patient hearing and assured to chalk out ways for their redressal.

Later, Negi visits some industrial estates located in Mazboug, Doubgah and other places of Sopore town to get the first hand appraisal of the issues of entrepreneurs and others associated with the sector.