

# Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme

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**In news**– Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the “Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance” (RAMP) scheme that would commence in FY 2022-23.

## About RAMP scheme-

- It is a World Bank assisted Central Sector Scheme, supporting various COVID Resilience and Recovery Interventions of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME).
- The programme aims at improving access to market and credit, strengthening institutions and governance at the Centre and State, improving Centre-State linkages and partnerships, addressing issues of delayed payments and greening of MSMEs.
- In addition to building the MoMSME’s capacity at the national level, the RAMP program will seek to scale up implementation capacity and MSME coverage in States.
- RAMP was formulated and proposed by the Government of India, for strengthening MSMEs in line with the recommendations made by U K Sinha Committee, KV Kamath Committee and Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (PMEAC).
- The Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) in the 97th Screening Committee meeting approved the preliminary proposal on RAMP.
- This was followed by Missions, extensive consultations with States and other stakeholders, technical and fiduciary assessments conducted by the World Bank.
- **The total outlay for the scheme is Rs.6,062.45 crore or**

**USD 808 Million**, out of which USD 500 Million would be a loan from the World Bank and the remaining USD 308 Million would be funded by the Government of India (GoI).

- **This programme will address the generic and COVID related challenges in the MSME sector** by way of impact enhancement of existing MSME schemes, especially, on the competitiveness front.
- **RAMP would be a:**
  - **“Policy Provider”** through the enhanced capacity for evidence-based policy and program design, to enable the delivery of more effective and cost-efficient MSME interventions to improve competitiveness and business sustainability.
  - **“Knowledge Provider”** through bench-marking, sharing and demonstrating best practices/success stories by leveraging international experiences.
  - **“Technology Provider”** providing access to high-end technology resulting in the digital and technological transformation of MSMEs through state of art Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, Internet of things (IoT), Machine Learning etc.
- Funds would flow through RAMP into the Ministry’s budget against Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) to support ongoing MoMSME programmes, focusing on improving market access and competitiveness.
- **Important component of RAMP is preparation of Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs), in which all states/UTs will be invited.**
- **The overall monitoring and policy overview of RAMP would be done by an apex National MSME Council, headed by the Minister for MSME**, including representation from various Ministries and supported by a secretariat.
- A RAMP programme committee headed by the Secretary of

MoMSME to monitor the specific deliverables under RAMP.