

Table 1: Definition of SMEs in South Asian Countries

	Micro Enterprises		Small Enterprises		Medium Enterprises		Remarks
	Employment	Total Assets / Total Annual Sales	Employment	Total Assets and Total Annual Sales	Employment	Total Assets and Total Annual Sales	
World Bank	up to 10 employees Cottage	Total Assets up to \$10,000 or Annual Sales up to \$100,000	up to 50 employees less than 50	up to \$3 million fixed capital	up to 300 employees between	up to \$15 million fixed capital investment	The Industrial Policy 1999
Bangladesh	Industry household-based - family Labour.		workers	investment of less than Tk. 100 million	50-99 workers	between Tk. 100-300 million	
Bhutan	Investments up to Nu100 million are categorized as Micro or Cottage, small and medium enterprises based on the invested capital						Ministry of Trade and Industry Norms for Registration under different Laws recognize employment as one of the criteria (10 persons for industries with power, 20 persons for those with out power. Industrial Enterprise Act, 1992 was amended in 1997
India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Small Scale Industries (SSIs) are industrial undertakings in which the investment in fixed assets in plant and machinery, whether held on ownership terms or on lease or by hire purchase does not exceed Rs. Ten million. The Small Scale Service and Business (Industry related) Enterprises (SSSBs) are industry related service and business enterprises with investment in fixed assets, excluding land and building upto Rs. One million 						
Nepal	fixed assets up to 200,000 rupees			up to 30 million rupees		between 30-100 million rupees	
			10-35 employees	Productive Assets of Rs 2	36-99 employees	Productive Assets of Rs 20-40 million	SMEDA

			20 million			
Pakistan	SME means an entity, ideally not a public limited company, which does not employ more than 250 persons (if it is manufacturing concern) and 50 persons (if it is trading / service concern) and also fulfills the following criteria of either 'a' and 'c' or 'b' and 'c' as relevant: (a) A trading / service concern with total assets at cost excluding land and buildings up to Rs 50 million. (b) A manufacturing concern with total assets at cost excluding land and building up to Rs 100 million. (c) Any concern (trading, service or manfg) with net sales not exceeding Rs 300 million as per latest fin. statements.					SME Bank
Sri Lanka	Up to 10 employees		Up to 10-49 employees		Up to 50-99 employees	