Abstract

To understand sectoral dynamics and undertake analysis at the macro and micro level around the phenomenon of 'jobless growth' during the second half of the decade, 46 clusters of micro, small and medium enterprises were selected. Sixteen clusters at the national level, and 10 clusters each in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh were surveyed based on the sectors identified through National Sample Survey data. After surveying industry associations and enterprises, the study identifies macro factors (marketing, technology, credit etc.) and micro factors (factors that constitute the relevant macro factors) that can explain the jobless growth in clusters. The study concludes with a set of policy recommendations in line with sector specific and state specific observations.