

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING TO FARMERS FOR AGRO BASED INDUSTRIES

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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to provide easy financial assistance to the farmers and train them in the running of Agro and Rural Industries in villages; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the modalities worked out therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, the farmers desirous of setting up agro and rural industries, may seek financial assistance under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) implemented through the State/Union Territory Governments. Training in agro and rural industries is imparted through the departmentally managed training centres of KVIC as well as training centres of other agencies aided by KVIC/States/Union Territory KVIBs and farmers may also benefit from them. The details of the training activities of KVIC are available on its website, viz., http://www.kvic.org.in/v4/contactdetails9_TRAINING.asp

Similarly, State/UT Governments can involve reputed Non-Governmental Organisations, Industrial Training Institutes, Polytechnic Colleges, etc., in the training of PMRY beneficiaries for which costs are reimbursed to State Governments according to the determined pattern.