

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO KCWWF
V.S. SIVAKUMAR

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received a request from the Kerala for grant of assistance to Kerala Coir Workers Welfare Fund to give pension to the old coir workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRICULTURE AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The State Government of Kerala had requested for a Central grant of Rs. 10 crores to the Kerala Coir Workers Welfare Fund Board (KCWWFB). However, after due consideration it was felt that the needs of the KCWWFB are enormous and the assistance extended under the Scheme is too meagre to make any impact. State Government of Kerala was accordingly informed.