

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2707  
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2000  
SPINNING AND WEAVING INDUSTRY  
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;ZORA SINGH MANN

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

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating to exclude the spinning and weaving industry from the list of Small Scale Industries after excluding readymade garments from this list;
- (b) if so, the reasons for allowing these industries to cross the limits prescribed for Small Scale Industries;
- (c) whether the poor families in remote areas of the country earn their livelihood through these industries; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for opening these sectors to large industries making the competition more tough?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The Government has recently announced in the National Textile Policy-2000, the dereservation of Readymade Garments Industry from the list of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector. The Spinning and Weaving Industry was never reserved for this sector.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): In view of (a) & (b) above, does not arise.