

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

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SCHEME FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS BY KVIC
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission have formulated any scheme for the earthquake victims of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which the earthquake victims would be benefited from it?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is in the process of finalising the rehabilitation plan for the earthquake affected area. The proposed rehabilitation plan, inter alia, includes development of rural clusters, entrepreneurship and skill development in trades such as masonry, carpentry, plumbing, electrician etc. and financial assistance under khadi and village industries programmes. Industries such as carpentry, blacksmithy, agarbatti, masala, detergent etc. have been identified for development of artisans' clusters in Gujarat.

(c): With the proposed package of assistance it is expected that about 27,000 artisans will be benefited.