

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

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RURAL INDUSTRIALISATION
SUBODH MOHITE

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to launch national programme for rural industrialisation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission has suggested some measures for the said programme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (e) The National Programme on Rural Industrialisation (NPRI) was announced by the Finance Minister in his Budget Speech for 1999-2000. The programme aims at developing 100 rural industrial clusters every year for five years. It is basically a bank finance driven programme wherein guidance and support is provided by Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO), Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and State Governments. KVIC has taken up 50 clusters for development and will extend its own financial assistance to the extent provided for under the existing norms of its on going schemes.