

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3215
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2000
MATCH INDUSTRY AT SHIVAKASHI
VAIKO

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the problems faced by match industry at Shivakasi in Tamil Nadu regarding acquiring of raw materials;
- (b) whether the Government are aware that the match factories which were functioning as village industries are facing the threat of closure;
- (c) whether the hundreds of workers have lost their employment as a result thereof; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to revamp matches industry with a view to protect C and D section in matches industry?

Answer

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

(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

- (a) No, Sir. As per the information given by the Government of Tamil Nadu & Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), the required raw materials for the match industry are freely available in the market.
- (b) & (c) KVIC and State Government of Tamil Nadu have informed that there is no threat of closure in village industries manufacturing matches and the workers are not facing unemployment.
- (d) Does not arise in view of the above.