

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

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

- (a) whether the Small Industries Development Organisation has a method to ensure dispersal of its activities in the country;
- (b) if so, whether such a system has been successful in ensuring the benefits all over the country;
- (c) whether it is a fact that five out of twenty eight SISIs and seven out of the nineteen autonomous Bodies are located in two States only as against one SISI and one Autonomous Body in Andhra Pradesh which has shown higher entrepreneurial potential;
- (d) the manner in which the new facilities and institutions have been set up or proposed to be set up in Andhra Pradesh as against nine such centres being concentrated in just two States in the last two decades; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve this anomaly?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): Small Industries Development Organization (SIDO) has a network of Offices/Institutions in the country consisting of Small Industries Service Institutes (SISIs), Branch SISIs, Regional Testing Centres, Field Testing Stations, Sector-specific Process and Product Development Centres, Tool Rooms and Entrepreneurship Development Institutions. The activities of SISIs and Branch SISIs cover all the States/U.Ts in the country.

(c) to (e): Location of a field office/institution is need based. However, five field offices/institutions of SIDO are located in Andhra Pradesh. There is presently no proposal under consideration to open new field offices/institutions under SIDO.