

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

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

- (a) the monitored rate of growth of the SSI sector from April 1, 2001 to June 30, 2001;
- (b) whether there has been a fall in the growth of the small scale sector in the first three months of this fiscal year;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of items which are still in the SSI sector;
- (e) whether Government propose to review the de-listing of many items; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to consolidate the SSI sector?

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) to (c): As there is a time lag of six to nine months in the availability of data on Small Scale sector, the estimated rate of growth of SSI sector from April, 2001 to June 30, 2001 is presently not available.

(d) to (f): Perhaps the reference is to reserved items in the SSI Sector. Out of over 7500 items produced in the SSI sector, 799 items are currently reserved exclusively for the manufacture in the SSI sector. An Advisory Committee on Reservation exists which constantly reviews the items to be reserved or de-reserved. While taking decisions on de-reservation, the Government also consults the stakeholders.

On 30th August, 2000, the Prime Minister announced a comprehensive policy package for the promotion and development of Small scale Industries to enhance its competitiveness, both domestically and globally. The policy package consists of enhanced fiscal and credit supports, better infrastructure and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation.