

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5543
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001
NUMBER OF AGRO BASED INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of agro-based industries functioning in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the number of labourers engaged therein;
- (c) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards continuously deteriorating and deplorable conditions of labourers engaged in agro-based industries;
- (d) if so, the Government have made any efforts for upliftment of labourers in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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): No list of agro-based industrial units is maintained centrally. However, a statement showing the employment generated State-wise in khadi and village industries sector including agro-based industries during the last three years is given in the Annexure attached.

(c) to (f): The Government is aware of the difficult condition of labourers engaged in agro based industries. The Government, through KVIC promotes Khadi & Village Industries including agro based industries. For strengthening the sector, the Government on 14th May, 2001 announced a package. The salient feature of the package consist of Rebate Policy for 5 years, options for rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), assurance cover to khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of khadi products, creation of packing and design facilities, measure to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development, focus on core areas and provisions of additional working capital.