

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1608  
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2001  
ASSISTANCE OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE FIELD OF SSI  
ANANDRAO ADSUL;ANANT GANGARAM GEETE

**Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India has decided to assist South Africa in the field of small scale industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the progress achieved in the matter so far; and
- (d) the extent to which it is likely to benefit the Indian economy?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): A non-trading (representative) office of the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), a public sector undertaking was established in Johannesburg, South Africa with the objectives to promote the Indian Small Scale Industries (SSIs) by exporting Indian projects and products and to transfer technology of the small scale projects from India to South Africa. The NSIC has also set up a few SSI projects in South Africa.

(d): The success of Indian Projects in South Africa is likely to create demand for Indian Products and technologies in Africa.