

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

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REHABILITATION OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are formulating any programme for the rehabilitation of those 80 lakh persons who have lost their jobs due to closing down of sick Small Scale Industrial units; and

(b) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken to rehabilitate these persons?

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) & (b): Data on closed units are not maintained centrally. Reserve Bank of India which compiles data on sickness in Small Scale Industries (SSI) does not maintain data on closed small scale industries and their workers. The Government is fully seized of the problem of industrial sickness amongst the SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick industries, which inter alia, includes institutional mechanism in the form of State Level Inter Institutional Committees, special rehabilitation cells in banks and State financial institutions and elaborate guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. Further, with a view to strengthen the SSI sector and enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally, the Government has announced a Comprehensive Policy Package which consists of inter alia enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructural and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation.