

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

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SHARE OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the share of very small industries, cottage industries and small scale industries in the total industrial production of the country;
- (b) whether any financial assistance is given by the Government to these industries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): The share of very small industries, cottage industries and small scale industries (VSI Sector) in the total industrial production of the country at 1993-94 prices for the year 2000-2001 is estimated to be 47.29%.

(b) to (d): The Government through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) implements the Rural Employment Generator Programme throughout the country. The KVIC provides Margin Money for setting up Khadi and Village Industries including agro and rural industries in rural areas. The banks provide the balance funds for the projects in the form of term loan.

For the development of small scale and cottage industries, Plan Schemes of the government cover technology upgradation, quality improvement, infrastructure development, training and entrepreneurship development, and marketing development. for creation of self-employment opportunities, assistance is provided under the scheme of Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY). However, these are project/unit specific and not industry specific.