

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:780  
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CLOSURE OF SSI IN WEST BENGAL  
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**Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many small scale industries have been closed down in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the number of the SSIs closed during the last three years in the State; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard and the success achieved thereof?

**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 (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): The information on closed units is not maintained centrally. However, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) compiles data on sick SSI units financed by scheduled commercial banks. As per RBI, there were 146182, 143893, 113846 sick units in West Bengal by the end of March 1999, March 2000 and March 2001 respectively.

(c) The Government is fully seized of the incidence of industrial sickness among SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units, which inter-alia include institutional mechanism in the form of State-level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs), Special Rehabilitation Cells in banks and State Financial Institutions, and elaborate guidelines issued by the RBI for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri S.S.Kohli, the then Chairman of Indian Banks' Association, the RBI has drawn up revised guidelines for rehabilitation of sick SSI units, which include inter-alia change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding on their viability, etc. The RBI has circulated the revised guidelines on 16th January 2002 to all the banks for implementation. As per the RBI, 9456 units in 1998-99, 39 units in 1999-2000 and 36 units in 2001-2002 were kept under nursing in West Bengal.