

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

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PROGRESS OF AGRO RURAL INDUSTRIES IN RAJASTHAN
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made by Rajasthan during the last three years in the agro and rural industries; and
- (b) whether the Government have formulated any special schme for Rajasthan for development in this sector particularly in the desert districts?

Answer

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

(a): The number of projects sanctioned under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in Rajasthan during the last three years is as under:-

YEAR	PROJECTS
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1998-1999	2551
1999-2000	10895
2000-2001	3735

(b):The Government through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is implementing the Rural Employment Generatior Programme throughout the country including the State of Rajasthan.Under this scheme the KVIC provides margin money assistance at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs.10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of project. In the case of weaker sections viz. SC/ST/Women/Physically Handicapped / Ex - Servicemenand minority Community beneficiary / institution and for hill border and tribal areas , North East Region , Sikkim , Andaman & Nicobar Island, Lakshwadeep, the margin money grant is 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 Lakhs .Under the Scheme , the beneficiary is required to contribute 10 % of the project cost . In case of SC/ST and other weaker sections, beneficiary`s contribution is 5% of the project cost. Balance funds for the projects are provided by banks in the form of term loan.