

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

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K.C. PANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB;PRAKASH V. PATIL

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

- (a) whether Khadi & Village Industries Commission has any prospective plan during the 10th Plan Period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the recommendations of the Pant Committee have been implemented by KVIC; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): In view of the urgent need to generate additional employment and the successful experience of the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), it has been decided to continue this programme during the 10th Plan Period i.e. upto 31.3.2007. The target for the 10th Plan is to generate additional employment opportunities for 2 million persons. Besides REGP, the KVIC is continuing with its other promotional activities for the Khadi and Village Industry sector during 10th Plan Period.

(c) & (d): Based on the recommendation of a high power Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri K.C.Pant, Dy.Chairman, Planning Commission, the Government of India has announced a package for the development of Khadi and Village Industries sector on 14.05.2001. The package has been designed in accordance with the Government's prime objectives of creating more jobs in rural areas and empowering the women and backward classes in India. The package has provisions for a Rebate Policy for five years, option of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development etc.