

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:228

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SETTING UP OF RURAL INDUSTRIES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

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

- (a) the number of Rural Industries set up in the villages by the Khadi Gramodyog Commission and the number of persons employed therein, State-wise and particularly in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the number of registered rural industries/units, State-wise;
- (c) the present conditions of these industries as well as the number of industries earning profits and suffering losses out of them, State-wise;
- (d) whether there is any scheme to provide assistance to the loss making industries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGHPRIYA GAUTAM)

- (a): The State-wise number of rural industries financed under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of Khadi and Village Industries Commission in the country, including Himachal Pradesh, and the employment generated through them from 01.04.1995 to 31.03.2003 is given at Annexure-I.
- (b): The information in respect of State-wise registered rural industries/ units is not maintained centrally.
- (c): The information on the present condition of these units including their profit/ loss is not maintained centrally.
- (d) & (e): No, Sir. However, the Government on 14.05.2001, has announced a package for the promotion and development of Village Industries (VI). The package inter-alia consists of creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development etc. The Package is under different phases of implementation.