

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:222  
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2003  
SHARE OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES  
CHANDRA NATH SINGH;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

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

- (a) the share of Agro and Rural Industries in the total industrial production of the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the production in the Agro and Rural Industries sector is decreasing constantly in comparison to the total industrial production of the country;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any steps are being taken to give a big boost to these industries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 222 FOR ANSWER ON 05.08.2003

(a): As per the estimates of National Accounts Statistics released by the Central Statistical Organisation, the total production of the manufacturing sector in the country and the estimated value of production of Agro and Rural Industries under the Khadi and Village Industries (KVI) Sector prepared by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, the estimated share of KVI sector in the total industrial production of the country during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 is 0.43%, 0.44% and 0.46%, respectively.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): To further strengthen and give a boost to the Agro and Rural Industries, the Government on 14.05.2001, has announced the 'Khadi Package' which, 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.