

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2087

ANSWERED ON:05.08.2003

KHADI ARTISANS

AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH;DADICHILUKA VEERA GOURI SANKARA RAO;DUMPA MARY VIJAYAKUMARI

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

- (a) whether there is any scheme of the Government to insure the Khadi artisans;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken to subsidise insurance scheme for such employees to reduce premium burden on the poor artisans;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the KVIC has formulated an insurance scheme for 4 lakh Khadi workers; and
- (e) if so, details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to launch on 15.08.2003 the Janashree Bima Yojana, a Group Insurance Scheme for nearly 3.13 lakhs full time artisans working in the Khadi Sector under the KVIC. As a social security measures for these artisans, the scheme provides risk cover in case of natural death for Rs. 20,000/- while in case of death due to accident, an amount of Rs. 50,000/- will be payable. In case of permanent disability (loss of two eyes/limbs of use) due to accident, Rs. 50,000/- is payable and in the case of partial disability, Rs. 25,000/- is payable to the beneficiary. The insurance premium of Rs. 200/- per annum for each Khadi artisan under Scheme would be contributed as under:-

Social Security fund	Rs. 100/-
Khadi Institution	Rs. 50/-
Khadi Artisan	Rs. 25/-
KVIC/Govt. of India	Rs. 25/-

Total Rs. 200/-