

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA**

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GROWTH RATE ON SSIs  
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**Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the growth rate registered during first half of the current year in the small scale industries;
- (b) the extent to which this growth rate compares to the last year;
- (c) whether the small scale sector has registered any decline during this period;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the number of items included in the small scale sector and number of items proposed to be included;
- (f) the efforts being made by the Government to strengthen small scale sector; and
- (g) the extent of success achieved by virtue of these efforts?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): As there is time lag of six to nine months in the availability of data on Small Scale Industries, the estimated rate of growth registered during first half of the current year is not available. However, there has been increase in the growth rate in 2002-03 as compared to the previous year i.e., 2001-02. The estimated rate of growth for 2002-03 is 7.41 per cent as against 6.08 per cent in 2001-02.

(e): Perhaps the reference is to reserved items in the SSI Sector. Out of over 7500 items produced in the SSI Sector, 675 items are currently reserved for exclusive manufacture in small scale sector. Any addition or deletion in the list is made only on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee constituted under IDR Act, 1951 and after consultation with the stakeholders. There is no proposal at present to make any addition in the list.

(f) & (g): While development of SSIs is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments, the Central Government has taken several steps for promoting and strengthening of SSI Sector by implementing various schemes such as Integrated Infrastructure Development, technology upgradation marketing and entrepreneurial development etc. In addition, on 30th August 2000, the Prime Minister announced a Comprehensive Policy Package for the promotion and development of Small Scale Sector to enhance its competitiveness, both domestically and globally. The policy package consists of enhanced fiscal and credit supports, better infrastructure and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation. Because of these efforts, the SSI Sector has demonstrated the resilience to withstand the competition as it has recorded a rate of growth, which is higher than the overall industrial growth.