

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

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PROMOTION OF RURAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of main programmes sponsored under the Ministry; and
- (b) the efforts made by the Government so far to promote the rural industries and the future schemes of the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): This Ministry is implementing a number of schemes for the promotion and development of small, tiny, khadi and village industries. Some of the important schemes are the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), the Integrated Infrastructure Development Centers (IIDs) and the National Programme for Rural Industrialisation (NPRI).

The PMRY was launched in 1993 with the aim to provide employment to more than 1 million persons in both urban and rural areas of the country. The REGP provides interest subsidy for Khadi sector and margin money assistance for village industries for promotion and development of Khadi and Village Industry activities in rural areas. Under the IID Scheme, the Central Government provides Rs. 2 crores (Rs. 4 crores for the North - Eastern States and Sikkim) as grant to each centre and Rs. 3 crores is provided as loan by the SIDBI or as share by the concerned State Government. Land for the project is made available by the State Government concerned.

In the year 1999-2000, this Ministry launched the National Programme for Rural Industrialisation (NPRI) under which rural clusters with forward and backward linkages are developed by dovetailing the existing programmes of Rural Development.