

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has emphasized the creation of more employment opportunities for Women in rural areas by implementing various rural development schemes through the small scale industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the incentives provided and targets fixed by the Government to the new industrial units for creating job opportunities in favour of women in rural areas during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the target set for setting up of such new units during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Union Government through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is implementing Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) all over the country for creation of employment opportunities in the rural areas. Under this programme, projects upto Rs. 25 lakhs are eligible for sanction. The KVIC provides the margin money in the form of grant whereas the loan component is given through banks. Self Help Groups are also eligible for this scheme. Under the REGP Scheme, the KVIC provides margin money assistance to women entrepreneurs at the rate of 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, rate of margin money is 30% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project. Under this scheme, the beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost. The implementation of the Scheme is being financed through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks, State Cooperative Banks, etc. The number of projects promoted by women entrepreneurs under REGP scheme during the last three years i.e. from 2000-01 to 2002-03 is given at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Separate targets were not set for women entrepreneurs upto 2001-02. However, during the year 2002-03, 30% of total target was set for women. 6207 projects were financed under REGP for women which is approximately 30% of the total achievement of 21024 projects during 2002-03.