

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2779  
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2000  
WITHDRAWAL OF SUBSIDY IN KVIC  
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

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

- (a) the amount of subsidy given to the Khadi and Village Industries during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government have taken a decision to stop subsidy to Khadi and Village Industries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether about 40 lakh workers and employees are working in the Khadi and Village Industries sector and doing the job of weaving, spinning and marketing Khadi;
- (e) whether all these workers and employees are likely to be rendered jobless due to this decision of the Government to stop subsidy to this sector;
- (f) whether a large number of Members of Parliament have given a representation to the Prime Minister to help Khadi and Village Industries and save the workers from being jobless; and
- (g) if so, the steps taken by the Government to continue subsidy to this sector of Khadi and Village Industries?

**Answer**

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

- (a): During each of the last three years, details of grants, loans and subsidy provided to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission are given at Annexure - A.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): No, Sir. As on 31.3.1999, 13.85 lakhs persons were engaged in weaving, spinning and marketing of Khadi.
- (e): Does not arise.
- (f): Yes, Sir.
- (g): Does not arise in view of (b) above.