

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

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

- (a) whether the Small Scale Industries will not be able to survive when India will be totally free from the Quota Restrictions (QRs) after April, 2000;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government contemplate to tackle such a situation ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The small scale industries in India have enough competitive strengths to withstand the impact of the phasing out of quantitative restrictions beyond April 2001. The Government is, however, laying specific emphasis on areas such as WTO sensitization, technology development, IT applications, standard and quality control, modern managerial practices and business-to-business cooperation at the domestic and international level for making our small enterprises globally competitive.