

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

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ADVERSE AFFECT TO SMALL SCALE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have held any meetings with representatives of the Small Scale Industry to chalk out policies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the problems identified which has adverse impact on the growth of the Small Scale Industry in the country;
- (d) whether the Government have taken steps to meet the challenge of globalisation and liberalisation to the Small Scale Sector; and
- (e) if so, details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Government interaction with National and State-level Industry Associations is a continuous process based on which priorities for Government intervention are identified to make the SSI sector globally competitive. Steps taken in that direction include special programmes for modernization and technology upgradation, venture capital assistance, marketing assistance, fiscal incentives, creation of industrial infrastructure, including IT infrastructure, etc. The Government has recently launched a WTO sensitization programme under which sensitization workshops are being held at 26 different locations in the country to increase the level of preparedness amongst SSI units to meet the emerging challenges of globalization.