

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

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ASSISTANCE TO SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
BALIRAM;SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO

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

- (a) whether Government have provided assistance/incentives to set-up; small scale industries and rural industries in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh and union Territory of Delhi during the last three years;
- (b) what will be the effect of W.T.O. coming in to force; and
- (c) the number of job opportunities created as a result thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir. The Central Government supports and supplements the efforts of state Governments/UT Administrations for the development and promotion of Small Scale Industries (SSI) through various Schemes/Programmes.
- (b): In terms of WTO covenants, mainly there would be lowering of tariffs and removal of Quantitative Restrictions on Imports and Exports. This would improve the access of Indian SSI Units to the markets in various countries. Simultaneously, SSI units will have to face stiff competition in terms of prices and quality from imported goods as the domestic market would be freely accessible to foreign companies. All SSI units will have to be, therefore, competitive in price, quality and customer services in future.
- (c): The policies/programmes of the Government in providing assistance/incentives in various forms invariably lead to setting up of units and thereby creation of employment opportunities. Detailed figures of employment generated are not maintained.