

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Entrepreneurship Development Programmes organized in Assam during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps to encourage women entrepreneurs in N-E States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): The number of Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs) conducted in Assam during the last three financial years is given below :

Sl.No. Year No.of EDPs conducted in Assam No.of participants

1	2002-03	28	849
2	2003-04	30	865
3	2004-05	41	1066

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): During 2004-05, 11 EDPs were conducted in Assam exclusively for women, in which 389 women entrepreneurs participated. Under the Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance for Development (TREAD) Scheme, an amount of Rs. 8.65 lakh has been sanctioned and released to the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati for conducting training of and studies on women entrepreneurs of Assam, to assist them in setting up small scale units/income generating activities.

(d): Does not arise.