

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:126

ANSWERED ON:02.08.2005

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION UNDER THE KVIC

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

- (a) whether the production/sale of Khadi products has decreased in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to promote production/sale of Khadi products in the country;
- (d) whether the Government is taking measures to generate employment opportunities in the Khadi Sector in the country particularly in the States severely affected by floods during the current Monsoon season; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 126 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2005.

(a)&(b): On account of inadequate attention by khadi institutions/producers to production and sales planning, particularly quality and marketability of products and worsening of working capital availability due to high levels of unsold stocks and delay in receipt of rebates admissible to them there was decline in the production and sales of khadi and khadi products during 1998-99 to 2001-02. However, the production and sales of khadi and khadi products have shown an increasing trend during the last three years, as detailed below :