

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PERFORMANCE OF PMRY/REGP
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether certain States have failed to meet the targets under major rural employment schemes under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP);

(b): if so, the details thereof; and

(c): the steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of PMRY & REGP?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The State-wise targets and achievements for the year 2002-03 under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) are at Annexure-I and under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) for the year 2003-04 are at Annexure-II. The achievements for the year 2003-04 under the PMRY are provisional as the cut off date for completion of disbursement for the cases sanctioned in the Programme year 2003-04 has been extended upto 30.09.2004.

(c): The steps taken to improve the performance of PMRY are: instruction to States/banks for monthly monitoring of progress as per the 'Quarterly Schedule' prescribed for sponsoring, sanctioning and disbursement of applications, extension of cut off date for completion of disbursement upto 30.09.2004 for the cases sanctioned in the Programme Year 2003-04, instructions by the RBI to banks to consider fixing area-wise minimum unit cost of each activity and to endorse one copy of sanction letter to the concerned District Industries Centre (DIC) for assisting the borrowers in completing pre-disbursement formalities, convening Block Level Task Force Committee (BLTFC) meeting immediately after Block Level Bankers Committee (BLBC) meeting for ensuring participation of all Bank Branch Managers in such meetings.

REGP has been working satisfactorily and the target for the 10th Plan has been enhanced from 2.0 to 2.5 million jobs. KVIC is also taking several steps to improve the performance under this Scheme. These include entrepreneurial development programmes (EDPs), exhibitions, workshops, awareness camps, other backward - forward linkages of entrepreneurs/institutions etc. Besides, the Rural Industries Service Centres (RISCs) are also being set up to provide infrastructural support and necessary services to the local units to upgrade their production capacity, skill upgradation and market potential, so that a cluster of common professional artisans & entrepreneurs benefits from common services available in a cluster. KVIC has also set up Rural Industries Consultancy Services (RICS) to help entrepreneurs file applications under REGP for setting up industries in rural areas.