

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

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SETTING UP OF SLIVER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether sliver plants are not able to meet the demands of the market in the country;
- (b): if so, the steps being taken to establish more sliver plants in the country;
- (c): whether the constructions of some sliver plants have been delayed/postponed/abandoned;
- (d): is so, the details thereof; and
- (e): the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): The Central Sliver Plants under Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) are meeting approximately 25% of the total estimated demand of sliver in the Khadi Sector in the country. For the balance requirement, institutions purchase their own cotton and convert it into slivers/roving through processing plants installed by them as in-house facility. Apart from this, a large number of institutions are equipped with pre-spinning processing machine(Belni) supplied by KVIC alongwith each New Model Charkha (NMC) unit. For coarse count yarn, spinning on traditional charkha , desi cotton is carded locally and used directly.
- (b): Though there is no proposal in hand for opening new Central Sliver Plants, KVIC is considering to expand the capacity of three existing Central Sliver Plants located at Raibareli (UP), Kuttoor (Kerala) and Chitradurga (Karnataka). KVIC has also entered into agreements with some of the khadi institutions for supplying sliver/roving to other institutions.
- (c)to(e): Yes, Sir. Sliver lants at Dausa in Rajasthan, Chowdwar in Orissa, Saharsa in Bihar and Berhampore in West Bengal were abandoned due to unfavorable viability factors.