

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

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

- (a): the details of agro and rural industries set up after the department has been made a separate Ministry;
- (b): whether any industry has been set up in Tamil Nadu, particularly in Chingleput; and
- (c): if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Government (in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries) has been implementing two credit-linked subsidy schemes, namely, the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and the Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY), for creation of employment opportunities by assisting eligible entrepreneurs/educated unemployed youth/self help groups, etc., in setting up agro and rural industries. REGP is implemented in village and small towns with population upto 20,000, while PMRY is implemented in both rural and urban areas.

The details of the units set up under REGP and self-employment ventures set up under PMRY, after 2001-02 (i.e., year of establishment of the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries), are given below:

Year	Number of units set up under REGP	Number of self-employment ventures set up under PMRY
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2002-03	21024	190251
2003-04	24747	219444
2004-05	23453	244884
2005-06	24505#	226974#

(b)&(c): 4239 (provisional figures) units have been set up in Tamil Nadu under REGP during 01 April 2002 up to 31 March 2006. Of these, 66 units have been set up in Chingleput Taluka (REGP is not implemented in Chingleput city as its population is above 20,000).

Similarly, as reported by the Reserve Bank of India, 52309 (provisional figures) self employment ventures have been set up in Tamil Nadu under PMRY during 01 April 2002 up to 31 March 2006. As reported by the Government of Tamil Nadu, 882 ventures out of these have been set up in Chingleput.