

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

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

- (a): whether the Government has any proposal to set up some Agro Clinics and Agro Business Centres in the country, particularly in Orissa;
- (b): if so, the number of such clinics and centres proposed to be set up in 2006-2007, State-wise;
- (c): whether any such clinics or centres proposed to be set up in the scheduled districts in the current financial year;
- (d): if so, the details thereof; and
- (e): the total amount likely to be spent on such proposal?

Answer

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

- (a): The Government (in the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation) has launched the Central Sector Scheme of Agri-Clinics and Agri Business Centres under which unemployed graduates in agriculture and allied areas are provided training so that they could set up Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres, as self-employment ventures.
- (b): The scheme has a target of training 3000 unemployed graduates in agriculture and allied areas during 2006-07.
- (c)&(d): The scheme covers the entire country without State and District specific targets.
- (e): An outlay of Rs. 11 crore has been provided for implementation of the scheme in 2006-07