

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE FROM SC/ ST ENTREPRENEURS
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government proposes to purchase items from the entrepreneurs belonging to the SC/ST categories to financially empower them;
- (b): if so, the details thereof; and
- (c): the details of the recommendations of Group of Ministers in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): Under the existing `Purchase & Price Preference Policy` for small scale industries (SSIs), there is no specific provision for Government purchases from SC/ST-owned SSI units.
- (c): The recommendations of the Committee of Ministers on Dalit Affairs are yet to receive final approval .