

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4026
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PROMOTION OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): the number of Agro and Rural Industries functioning in Tamil Nadu;
- (b): whether the Union Government is planning to set up more Agro and Rural Industries in the State during the current financial year;
- (c): if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d): the funds allocated to such industries in the State by the Central Government during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (e): the steps taken by the Government for development of Agro and Rural based industries in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu?

Answer

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

- (a): As on 31.03.2004, 5816 projects under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) are functioning in the State of Tamil Nadu.
- (b)&(c): Yes, Sir, during the current financial year 2004-05, 1212 projects have been targeted to be set up in Tamil Nadu.
- (d): The margin money made available to Tamil Nadu under Rural Employment Generation Programme(REGP) during the last three years has been as under:

Year Margin Money (Rs. in lakhs)

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| 2001-2002 | 567.34 |
| 2002-2003 | 604.08 |
| 2003-2004 | 1362.17 |

- (e): For setting up of village industries projects under REGP, KVIC provides financial assistance in the form of margin money as well as funds for backward forward linkages such as Entrepreneurs Development Programme (EDP), exhibitions, workshop, awareness camps etc. by allocating 5% of the total budget allocation under REGP. KVIC has also established 3 Rural Industry Consultancy Services Centres in Tamil Nadu to help rural entrepreneurs in preparing bankable projects.