

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4126
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2004
RURAL AGRO INDUSTRIAL ECONOMIC POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government has decided to formulate a rural agro industrial economic policy to lessen the dependence of villages on the towns;
- (b): if so, the measures taken by the Government to process the raw material in village in order to transform it into finished product so that the villages and towns become supplementary to each other;
- (c): the policy formulated by the government to ensure that agro industries reach every door in the villages; and
- (d): the amount of financial assistance to be provided to each of the State during the current financial year?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): Government is already promoting the setting up of rural industries through the Rural Employment Generation Programme(REGP), to reduce the dependence of villages on the towns through the utilization of local raw materials and resources. The Rural Employment Generation Programme(REGP) seeks to generate additional employment in rural areas and small towns through the setting up of labour intensive industries by providing margin money support and the required forward and backward linkages. During the current financial year, Govt. has set a target of creating 5.25 lakh additional jobs under the REGP.

For popularizing the REGP among the potential rural entrepreneurs, workshops, exhibitions and awareness camps are also being organized by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission(KVIC). During the current year, it is proposed to organize 86 exhibitions, 200 workshops and 300 awareness camps in different parts of the country.

Moreover, the Government on the basis of the National Common Minimum Programme(NCMP) and Budget 2004-05, has set up a Fund, with an initial allocation of Rs. 100 crores for the modernization of Traditional Industries like coir, pottery, cottage industries etc. during 2004-05. Besides the Government has also drawn up an action Plan to revamp the functioning of KVIC. It is expected that the rural industry sector will be further strengthened through these measures.

(d): The State-wise allocation of margin money under REGP during the current financial year 2004-05 is available at Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to port (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4126 for ans` :Ver on 25.08.2004.

Sl.No. State/UT 2004-05

Margin Money Allocation under REGP (Rs. in lakhs)

1 Chandigarh	4.00
2 Delhi	29.00
3 Haryana	1119.00
4 Himachal Pradesh	713.00
5 Jammu & Kashmir	570.00
6 Punjab	1399.00
7 Rajashtan	2160.00
8 Andaman & Nicobar	143.00
9 Bihar	1196.00
10 Jharkahnd	906.00
11 Orissa	829.00
12 West Benagal	2126.00
13 Auranchal Pradesh	97.00
14 Assam	1431.00
15 Manipur	285.00
16 Meghalaya	285.00

17	Mizoram	426.00
18	Nagaland	162.00
19	Tripura	162.00
20	Sikkim	101.00
21	Andhra Pradesh	2484.00
22	Karnataka	1885.00
23	Kerala	1193.00
24	Lakshadweep	1.00
25	Pondicherry	6.00
26	Tamil Nadu	1136.00
27	Goa	285.00
28	Gujarat	588.00
29	Maharashtra	1774.00
30	Chattisgarh	857.00
31	Madhya Pradesh	1210.00
32	Uttaranchal	570.00
33	Uttar Pradesh	3746.00

TOTAL 29878.00