

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): the total number of Agro and Rural Industries (ARIs) in the country as on date, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;
- (b): the amount allocated by the Union Government to the various State Governments and Union Territory for setting up of Agro and Rural Industries during the each of the last three years and current financial year, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;
- (c): the amount utilised, out of the allocated amount, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and
- (d): the number of persons benefited from the said assistance during the said period, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

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

(a): The States/Union Territory-wise details of total number of rural industry units set up under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) in the country are given in Annexure I. Nearly 50 per cent of the units established under PMRY are in the rural areas.

(b)&(c): REGP is Central sector scheme and the approved grants are released to the KVIC which, in turn, releases the funds (towards margin money assistance) to the banks against the projects sanctioned in each State/Union Territory (UT) the State/UT-wise details of margin money assistance provided by KVIC under the REGP during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 are given in Annexure II. Under the PMRY, allocation of the subsidy and release of funds are based on the targets for States/UTs. The subsidy amount is released directly to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) which, in turn, releases the necessary amounts to the implementing banks. The amounts of subsidy released to the RBI during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 are given below:

Year Subsidy released
under PMRY (Rs. crore)

2003-04 147.63
2004-05 190.48
2005-06 251.36

The amounts of grant released to the States/UTs for entrepreneurial development and contingencies under the PMRY during 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given in Annexure III.

(d): The numbers of persons benefited in terms of self employment/wage employment under the REGP and PMRY during 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given in Annexure IV and V respectively.