

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

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PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

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**Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

(a): whether the Government has taken steps to revive the small scale industrial growth by boosting private investment in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether the household and artisanal manufacturing unit will be given greater technological marketing support;

(d): if so, the details thereof; and

(e): the details of promotional package announced for small scale industry sector?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Administration of Union Territory (UT) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has introduced the following incentive oriented development programmes during Tenth Five Year Plan to promote private investment and revive small scale industrial growth:

1. Financial Assistance
2. Marketing support
3. Subsidy oriented assistance
4. Infrastructure support
5. Technological support

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The UT Administration provides technological and marketing support to SSIs through its Industrial Training Centres and marketing outlets existing at Port Blair, Rangat, Diglipur and Car Nicobar in the following trades:

1. Wood Working
2. Smithy, Sheet Metal & Electroplating
3. Handicrafts
4. Lacquer ware craft
5. Tailoring & Garment Making
6. Cane & Bamboo
7. Core
8. Food processing

(e): The Government announced the `Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises` in the Lok Sabha on 27th February, 2007, which provides inter-alia, for measures for cluster based development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs); support for technology and quality upgradation; marketing, entrepreneurial and managerial development; empowerment of women owned enterprises; strengthening of Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and strengthening of data base for MSME Sector.