

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

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SETTING UP OF KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES

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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any target to set up Khadi and Village Industries in the country during the current year particularly in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise;
- (c) the number of Khadi and Village Industries proposed to be set up in 2007-2008; and
- (d) the details of margin money and other assistance provided to the above industries during the said period separately, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)to(c) : The State/Union Territory-wise details of targets allocated for village industries by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) for 2007-08, including the State of West Bengal, are given in Annex. So far as the details of targets for Khadi are concerned, the process of discussing budget with khadi institutions, including those in West Bengal, has not yet been completed by KVIC and these targets are yet to be finalized.

(d): The State/Union Territory-wise details of margin money assistance to be provided under REGP in 2007-08 are given in Annex. In addition to this KVIC has also proposed to provide financial assistance for enabling backward-forward linkages and on an average 5 per cent of the budget allocation made by Government for REGP is earmarked for this purpose. Thus, around Rs.22.25 crore being 5 per cent of the allocation made by Government for REGP during 2007-08 is earmarked for this purpose.