

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any new Schemes for Agro and Rural Industries ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the targets fixed and the achievements made ;
- (d) the funds allocated/released/spent during each of the last three years and current year, till date, State/Union Territory-wise, particularly Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) the details of schemes currently being implemented?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) :Yes, Sir. The details of the new schemes under consideration in Agro and Rural Sector are given at Annex.
- (c): The proposals are only in preliminary stage and only a token budget provision for 2007-08 has been made for each of the five schemes. No targets, however, have been fixed.

(d): The details of the token funds allocated for 2007-08 in respect of each of these five schemes are given below:

Sr. Name of the scheme	Budget provision	(Rs. crore)
No. for 2007-08		
1 Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme for Khadi Weavers and Artisans		5.00
2 Scheme for enhancement of productivity and competitiveness of Khadi Industry and Artisans		5.00
3 Package for developing infrastructure of Khadi institutions including nursing fund for weak institutions		5.00
4 Restructuring of Rural Employment Generation Programme		50.00
5 Rejuvenation, modernisation and technology upgradation for coir Industry		25.00

(e): The Government (in its Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries) has been implementing the following schemes through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Coir Board and Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), in the country:

(i) Schemes for development of Khadi and Polyvastra activities: For this purpose, Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) is issued in favour of implementing agencies for availing institutional finance to meet working capital requirement of khadi and polyvastra activities, at 4% rate of interest and the difference between 4% and actual lending rate is subsidized by KVIC. 10% Rebate is provided on retail sales of Khadi/Polyvasta products as normal rebate throughout the year and another 10% special rebate for 108 days in the year.

(ii) Scheme of Product Development Design Input and Packaging (PRODIP) has been launched in order to diversify and develop products under Khadi & Village Industries and also to improve the packaging of the various KVI products.

(iii) Scheme of Fund for Re-generation of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) has been launched in October, 2005 for regeneration of traditional industries in 104 identified clusters in khadi, village industries and coir sectors..

(iv) A Rural Industries Service Centre (RISC) scheme is in vogue for providing common facility services to KVI programmes on a cluster based manner.

(v) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) is being implemented for establishing village industries projects with margin money assistance from KVIC and loan from public sector scheduled commercial banks.

(vi) Mahila Coir Yojana, Development of Production Infrastructure and Domestic/ Export Market Development Assistance are some of the programmes under implementation in Coir sector through Coir Board.

(vii) Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) is being implemented for creating employment opportunities for the educated unemployed youth in rural as well as urban areas.