

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:482

ANSWERED ON:07.07.2004

SHARE OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES IN PRODUCTION

Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

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

- (a) whether the share of very small industries, cottage industries and small scale industries in the total production of the country is negligible;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to encourage this sector in order to generate the employment; and
- (d) if so, the details of programmes chalked out by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The share of Village and Small Industries Sector (VSI) including tiny units in the total production of the country for the year 2002-03 (at 1993-94 prices) was estimated to be 46.68%.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Central Government has taken several measures to encourage SSI sector through various schemes and programmes relating to enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructure, marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation. For employment generation various schemes such as Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) are being implemented. During the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-07), this sector has been assigned additional target of employment of 4.4 million persons in SSI sector, 2 million under REGP of KVIC, 1.65 million under PMRY and 0.10 million under Coir Sector. Keeping in view the potential of REGP Scheme in providing employment through the process of rural industrialization, Government of India has increased the target for employment generation during the 10th Five Year Plan from 2 million to 2.5 million.