

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

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GROWTH RATE IN SSI SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to enable Small Scale Industries in the country to become competitive in the global market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the target of growth rate of small scale industries during the current plan period has been fixed; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the plans formulated to achieve the targeted growth rate of small scale industries in the country?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Small Scale Industries (SSIs) continue to contribute around 34 per cent of the current exports from the country, which indicates their continuing competitiveness in the foreign markets. The steps taken by Government to ensure that SSIs remain competitive in the global markets, include inter-alia the scheme of assistance in acquiring ISO 9000 certification, Quality Awards, export-related Entrepreneurship Development Programmes and subsidizing participation in international fairs/ exhibitions. Besides, steps have also been taken to ensure easier access to credit, collateral-free loans of upto Rs. 25 lakh, capita subsidy for technology upgradation, Improved infrastructure and individual assistance for participation in overseas fairs, study tours and production of overseas publicity materials under SSI-Market Development Assistance Scheme.

(c)&(d): The target of growth rate of small scale industries during the current Plan period has been fixed at 12%. To achieve the target during the plan, the Government is providing support in respect of credit, technology, marketing and infrastructural development to the SSI sector.