

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES

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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the profitability of Agro and Rural Industries in the country;
- (b) if so, the total number of such industries which earned profit/incurred loss during each of the last three years, State-wise and the total number of persons employed therein,State-wise separately;
- (c) the reasons for incurring losses by these industries;
- (d) the details of financial assistance/soft loan/incentive provided by the Government to help these industries; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to empower the rural and tribal youths with skills and training to establish small and medium enterprises?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO,SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.

(e): The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), a statutory organisation under this Ministry imparts training to persons employed or desirous of establishing khadi and village industry (KVI) units,through 39 departmental and non-departmental training centres,located in different parts of the country.During 2007-08 these centres together provided training to 60,481 persons in various courses.Under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), a new credit-linked subsidy scheme of the Union Government,implemented from 2008-09 through KVIC for generation of additional employment opportunities through establishing micro enterprises in both service/business and manufacturing sectors in the rural as well as urban areas throughout the country,it is proposed to establish tie-up by KVIC with various agencies like National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida; National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NIMSME), Hyderabad; Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, their branches and the Entrepreneurship Development Centres (EDCs) set up by their Partner Institutions (PIs), etc.In addition to above,536 Training Centres have been accredited by KVIC for providing Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) training under PMEGP.