

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:115
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2009
HURDLES FACED BY COIR INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Coir Industry is facing several constraints, including regulatory and the arbitrary hurdles being erected by the importing countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN ANSWER TO PARTS (a) and (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 115 BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY FOR ANSWER ON 24.02.2009 REGARDING HURDLES FACED BY COIR INDUSTRY

(a) & (b) Coir Industry is a traditional labour intensive industry and is facing some challenges like the need for modernizing production and manufacturing technologies, strengthening of credit facilities from financial institutions and improved marketing facilities like any other traditional industry. The Coir Board, an organization established by an act of Parliament under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has been implementing various programmes for development of Coir Industry in the country as per the details given in the Annex.

There are no specific hurdles that have been created by the importing countries for Coir Products that have come to the notice of Government in the Ministry of MSME. However, the Coir exports are also facing adverse effect of the current global economic recession. Government have been providing fiscal and other incentives for encouraging export of Coir Products which has increased over the years as indicated below:-

Quantity (MT)

Year	Coir Exports
2005-06	136027
2006-07	168755
2007-08	187566