

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COTTAGE INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds granted by the Government for the development of coir industry in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received any requests from the various State Governments with regard to more financial assistance to the coir industry; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government in this regard, State- wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c) The Government of India, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implementing various schemes like Skill Upgradation and Quality Improvement Programme including Mahila Coir Yojana, Domestic Market Promotion, Export Market Promotion, Development of Production Infrastructure Scheme, Research and Development Programmes etc. through Coir Board, a statutory body under the administrative control of this Ministry, for the overall development of coir industry in the country. A new Central Sector scheme on "Rejuvenation, Modernisation and Technology Upgradation of the Coir Industry" has been launched in March, 2008 to assist spinners and tiny household sector. Further, another scheme viz.. " Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI)" envisages holistic development of 26 coir clusters in the coir producing States.

Government of Kerala has recently sought financial assistance for its National Coir Research and Management Institute, Thiruvananthapuram; Market Promotion Fund; External Market Assistance and also funds for transportation subsidy for coir yarn and products. However, the funds are released by the Ministry to the Coir Board and not directly to the State Governments for implementation of various programmes in coir sector. Details of funds sanctioned by the Government to Coir Board for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year are given below:-

Year	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
	(up to Feb., 2010)			

Plan funds sanctioned to Coir Board	2940.00	4197.00	5110.00	3351.00
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