

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:295  
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2010  
TRAINING TO ENTREPRENEURS  
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**Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether training has been imparted to the entrepreneurs engaged in the cottage industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether action has been taken to modernise cottage industry in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the products processed by the cottage industries in the country including food products during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
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(a) to (e): A statement is placed on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.295 FOR ANSWER ON 30.11.2010.

Development of cottage industry including training of artisans and entrepreneurs is a responsibility mainly of the State Government. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments in imparting training to artisans and prospective entrepreneurs through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), a statutory organisation under this Ministry, through its network of 39 departmental and non- departmental training centres.

Entrepreneurship Development training is also a mandatory requirement, under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), an ongoing credit-linked subsidy scheme of the Government, assisting establishment of micro enterprises. KVIC, the nodal agency for PMEGP has accredited around 700 Training Centres for providing Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) training and has also tied-up with national level entrepreneurship development institutions such as 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, etc., for this purpose.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has a scheme for entrepreneurship development under which prospective entrepreneurs are provided training of six-week duration so that they can start their own industry and even to give higher level of training at selected institutions.

The Government in the MoFPI has organized in November 2009 State Food Processing Ministers' Conference and interaction with State Nodal Agencies to discuss the issues to strengthen the industries for the development and modernization of food processing industries in the country.

Most significantly to realize the true potential of cottage industry including the traditional ones like khadi and village industries in the country, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises organizes such artisans into clusters of around 500 artisans each engaged in khadi and village industries as well as coir activities and provide them improved equipments, training, common facilities and other essential services. This is expected to give the cottage industries a competitive advantage of developing niche products, attain sustainability and grow. More than 100 such clusters are at an advanced stage of implementation under the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries.

The State-wise and year-wise details of the products processed by the cottage industries, including food products, in the country are not maintained centrally. However, apart from khadi and coir, the products like honey, murabba, petha, pickles, papad, namkeen, chips, agarbattis, etc. are processed by the cottage industries in the country, of which products like honey, handmade paper, papad, khadi and handicrafts items have already developed a niche in the export market.