

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

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PROMOTION OF KHADI VILLAGE INDUSTRY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any package under consideration for development and promotion of khadi village industry sector; and
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has been implementing a cluster-based scheme named SFURTI (Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries) since 2005-06 through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Coir Board under which 29 khadi, 50 village industries and 26 coir clusters mostly having more than 500 traditional artisans per cluster, have been targeted by providing them with improved equipment, business development services, training, capacity building and exposure visits, design and marketing support, common facilities centres, etc., to make these activities competitive and become sustainable. Further, there is a scheme of 'Strengthening Infrastructure of existing weak khadi institutions and Assistance for Marketing Infrastructure' with a target of revitalization of 100 weak khadi institutions. Besides, under the scheme of Khadi Reform and Development Programme (KRDP), revitalization of khadi activities have been targeted in 300 khadi institutions all across the country. Barring these, there is no fresh proposal at present for any special package for khadi and village industries.

The State-wise details of clusters taken up for development under SFURTI as well as khadi institutions tentatively identified for implementation of KRDP are shown in Annex.