

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

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STUDY ON KHADI AND VILLAGE 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 comprehensive and comparative study on the khadi and village industries in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the study, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Government has from time to time conducted studies on khadi and village industries (KVI) and its various aspects over a few decades, the latest one being the study carried out by an independent agency namely PricewaterhouseCoopers in 2008. Within the overall objective of revitalizing the KVI sector, the study recommended a set of reform measures aimed at:

# achieving sustainability of khadi by repositioning it and linking it to needs of the market as well as selective use of subsidy.

# enhancing welfare of artisans through their greater involvement in the process as well as better remuneration and quality of life.

# greater thrust on select traditional village industries.

The recommendations are not state-wise.