

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

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LOAN FOR PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT TO PERSONS
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission grants loans to provide employment to persons of weaker sections through Khadi Boards; and

(b) if so, the amount distributed for the said purpose and the number of persons benefited during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES(SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH)

(a) & (b) : Khadi and Village Industries Commission since its formation had been providing loans to khadi and village industries (KVI) institutions and also to State KVI Boards for promoting KVI activities providing employment to, inter alia, persons of weaker sections. However, the same have been discontinued in 1995 and a credit linked subsidy programme, named Rural Employment Generation Programme(REGP) was implemented till 2007-08 for VI sector.

A new credit linked subsidy programme with higher levels of subsidy than under REGP named Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is under implementation since 2008-09 which also aims at creation of employment, inter alia, for persons of weaker sections.