

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

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EMPLOYMENT BY KVIC
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of employment provided by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (b) whether any special schemes have been envisaged by the Government for upliftment of Khadi artisans and weavers with particular reference to Karnataka; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) State-wise/UT-wise details of cumulative employment in the khadi and village industries sector as reported by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) are given at Annex.I.

(b) & (c) Government in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has been implementing various schemes/programmes, through KVIC, for upliftment of khadi artisans and weavers including those of Karnataka. These schemes include: (i) 'Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans' for providing assistance for construction of worksheds for better work environment, (ii) Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme on production of khadi in place of the erstwhile system of Rebate on sales. MDA envisages financial assistance @ 20% of production value on khadi and polyvastra which is shared among artisans, producing institutions and selling institutions in the ratio 25:30:45. The newly introduced MDA scheme has a provision of sharing 25% of the assistance with the artisans as incentive or bonus in addition to their wages through their bank accounts or post office accounts. (iii) 'Scheme for enhancing productivity & competitiveness of Khadi Industry and Artisans' to assist khadi institutions to make khadi industry competitive with more market driven production by replacement of obsolete old machinery and equipment, (iv) a group insurance scheme named 'Khadi Karigar Janashree Bima Yojana' for khadi artisans in association with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) with low premium and add-on benefits (v) Artisan Welfare Fund Trusts (AWFTs) operating in 21 States in the country with a view to extending security and other help in the hour of need to the artisans and (vi) the recently introduced 'Khadi Reforms and Development Programme' funded by the Asian Development Bank to provide for revitalization of khadi sector through measures which, inter alia, include enhanced employment and earnings of the artisans through their capacity building and empowerment.