

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

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COIR INDUSTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of coir industries functioning in the country, State and UT-wise;
- (b) the number of coir industries earning profit out of the above, State-wise and UT-wise;
- (c) whether Government provides any assistance to these industries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State and UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a): There are 14300 Coir Units registered under the Coir Industry (Registration) Rules, 2008 State and UT-wise number of these units is given in the statement at Annexure-I.

(b): Majority of the units in the coir sector are in the tiny and micro sector which are functioning as household units mostly in the unorganized sector. Coir Board has informed that statistics relating to the profitability of individual units are not maintained by them. However, according to Coir Board in the absence of complaints of unsold stock of raw material/finished goods, most of these units appear to be generally profitable.

(c)&(d): Yes, Madam. The main schemes under which the Coir Units have been assisted are:-

(i) Scheme on Rejuvenation, Modernization and Technology Upgradation (REMOT) of the coir industry launched during 2007-08 to facilitate the sustainable development of the Spinning and Tiny/household weaving units of the coir industry by providing proper worksheds and enabling replacement of traditional age old ratts with motorized ratts in the Spinning Sector and replacement of traditional looms with the mechanized looms in the Tiny/household sector. The pattern of financial assistance under the scheme is 40% of the project cost as Government of India grant/subsidy, 5% as beneficiary contribution and 55% as term loan from Banks. During the last three years, Coir Board has provided financial assistance of Rs.43.62 crore for setting up of 3331 Units under this scheme.

(ii) The Development of Production Infrastructure Scheme which envisages provision of financial assistance for setting up of new coir units and modernization of the existing units for the sustainable growth of coir sector. During the last three years, Coir Board released financial assistance of Rs.117.51 lakh for 130 units.

(iii) The Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) which envisages development of the traditional industries including coir through cluster based approach. Under SFURTI programme 26 coir clusters have been taken up for implementation. Coir Board has released an amount of Rs. 14.18 crore to the implementing agencies since inception.

(iv) Under the scheme of Mahila Coir Yojana, during last three years, training was imparted to a total number of 22487 women out of which ratts were distributed with 75% subsidy to 3489 women.