

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

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

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has given special emphasis for setting up of khadi and rural industries during the current Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds earmarked for the same to each State/UT during the current Five Year Plan period;
- (d) the targets set for providing employment in the khadi and rural industries section during the plan period; and
- (e) the number of persons who were provided employment in each State/UT during the said plan period?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b)&(c): Planning Commission has given special emphasis on promotion of khadi and village industries (KVI) during the current Five Year Plan to create more employment opportunities in rural areas of the country. A new credit linked subsidy programme named Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) with attractive quantum of subsidy has been launched during the current Plan by merging the erstwhile Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and with enhanced allocation. The State-wise margin money subsidy released under PMEGP till August 2011 since its inception is given at Annex.I. According to KVIC, a total of around 1.30 lakh units have been assisted under PMEGP during this period.

(d)& (e): As against a cumulative employment target of 131.43 lakh persons in KVI sector set by KVIC, cumulative employment of an estimated 113.17 lakh persons has been achieved till 31 March 2011. The State-wise cumulative number of employment (estimated) has been given at Annex.II.