

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PANCHAYATI RAJ  
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES IN RURAL AREAS

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**Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Ministry of Panchayati Raj has formulated any Joint Venture with Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to promote khadi and village industries in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether certain potential projects have been identified in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, inter-alia indicating those that are located in West Bengal and North Eastern States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA DEO)

(a) to (b): The Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) had signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on 4th August 2008 to work jointly towards the Rural Business Hubs in rural areas by converging Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) and other schemes of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Seven pilot projects had been identified, but they could not be implemented. This joint working arrangement was for a period of three years only. Thereafter no joint venture has been formulated between this Ministry and Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

(c) to (d): Do not arise in view of the above.