

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

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

- (a) the number of rural, cottage and small scale industries in the country at present alongwith the number of persons working in these industries, State-wise;
- (b) whether the number of small industries in rural areas are decreasing and most of them are on the verge of closure; and
- (c) if so, the details of the Government policies to encourage these industries and to set up more industries?

Answer

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

- (a): As per Report on Quick Results of 4th All India Census of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) with reference year 2006-07, published in 2009 by Office of Development Commissioner (MSME), there are around 261.01 lakh MSME units in India, including rural, cottage and small scale industries, providing employment to about 594.61 lakh persons, the State-wise details of which are given at Annex I.
- (b): No, Madam. As per the Report on Quick Results of 4th All India Census of MSME, there are around 261.01 lakh MSME units in India including rural, cottage and small scale industries as compared to 105.21 lakh MSME units reported in the 3rd All India Census of MSME(reference year 2001-02, published in 2004).
- (c): Does not arise.