

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

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FUNDS TO KHADI BOARD OF KERALA  
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**Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of funds provided to the Khadi Boards in various States including Punjab and Kerala during each of the last three years; State-wise; and

(b) the details of steps being taken by the Government to increase employment opportunities by Khadi Boards in the States?

**Answer**

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

(a): The year-wise details of funds provided by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to Khadi and Village Industries Boards (KVIBs) in States including Punjab and Kerala during the last 3 years is given at Annex.

(b): Central Government in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises implements a number of schemes to increase employment opportunities in the country.

Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is a major credit-linked subsidy programme launched in 2008-09 to provide margin money subsidy and entrepreneurship training to beneficiaries for setting up of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector. The scheme is implemented through KVIC, KVIBs and District Industries Centres (DICs) with the involvement of Banks. General category beneficiaries can avail of margin money subsidy of 25% of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. For beneficiaries belonging to special categories such as scheduled caste/scheduled tribe /women the margin money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas. The maximum cost of projects is Rs. 25 lakh in the manufacturing sector and Rs. 10 lakh in the service sector.

Since inception in 2008-09 upto 2011-12, 1.62 lakh projects have been assisted under PMEGP by utilizing margin money subsidy of Rs.2987crore, generating employment for an estimated 15.84 lakh persons.