

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SFURTI
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched ``Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI)`` in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details/names of the schemes under the traditional industries to attract the rural/urban youth to start traditional industries in the country;
- (d) the details of achievements made and employment generated under the different schemes along with the funds granted/utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to strengthen/modernise the traditional industries and to improve the condition of the workers therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a)&(b): Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and the Coir Board have been implementing a cluster-based scheme named Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) since 2005-06 under which 29 khadi, 47 village industries and 21 coir clusters have been made functional by providing them with improved equipment, common facilities centres, business development services, training, capacity building and design and marketing support, etc. The State-wise number of clusters made functional under SFURTI is shown in Annex I.

(c)&(d): Apart from SFURTI, the KVIC is also implementing a credit-linked subsidy scheme named Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) from 2008-09 for generating self-employment through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector. 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 castes, scheduled tribes, OBCs, minorities, women, ex-servicemen, physically handicapped, beneficiaries belonging to NER, hill and border areas, etc., the margin money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas. The maximum cost of project is Rs. 25 lakh in the manufacturing sector and Rs. 10 lakh in the service sector. The State-wise amount of margin money subsidy released and utilized under PMEGP during the last three years and the current year is given at Annex II. The State-wise estimated number of employment created under PMEGP is given at Annex III.

(e): KVIC and Coir Board are implementing a number of other schemes to strengthen traditional industries and to improve the condition of workers therein, which include 'Strengthening Infrastructure of Existing Weak Khadi Institutions and Assistance for Marketing Infrastructure', 'Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans', 'Market Development Assistance', 'Khadi Karigar Janshree Bima Yojana' and 'Rejuvenation, Modernization and Technological Upgradation of Coir Industry'.