

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

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AGRO BASED INDUSTRIES

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

- (a) the number of agro-based industries set up in the country including West Bengal during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the contribution of small scale and cottage industries in the economic development of the country;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study/assessment regarding capacity/contribution of cottage industries in terms of income and employment generation in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a): State-wise number of agro based industries set up in the country is not maintained centrally in the Ministry. However, as per information maintained by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), the number of khadi and village industries units in the category of agro based and food processing industries financed in the country including West Bengal as on 31.03.2012 is given in Annex I.
- (b): The contribution of micro and small enterprises (MSEs) to GDP and to total industrial production was estimated to be 8.72% and 44.86% respectively during the year 2008-09.
- (c): Government in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has not conducted any study/assessment regarding capacity/contribution of cottage industries in terms of income and employment generation in the country.
- (d): Does not arise.