

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote the traditional business of tanners and carpenters by providing them cluster facility;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any other steps to protect the traditional business from competition?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c): Madam. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is implementing a number of schemes for the development and promotion of khadi and village industries including traditional industries. In particular, KVIC is implementing a cluster based scheme named Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) for promotion of traditional industries, under which 29 khadi, 47 village industries inter alia, including 2 leather and 4 carpentry clusters have been assisted by providing them with improved equipment, common facilities centres, business development services, training, capacity building and design and marketing support, etc.