

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

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FUNDS TO AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES

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

(a) the total funds allocated to various States under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programmes (PMEGPs) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the total funds granted under PMEGP for setting up of agro and rural industries in various States during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for more development of agro and rural industries and the number of villages likely to be benefited therefrom, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been introduced during 2008-09 which is a significant initiative for setting up micro enterprises in rural and urban areas with attractive levels of subsidy for generation of additional employment opportunities. It is implemented through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) as the single nodal agency at the national level. At the State/Union Territories level, the scheme is being implemented through field offices of KVIC, State/Union Territory Khadi and Village Industries Boards and District Industries Centres (DICs) with involvement of banks. State-wise funds (margin money subsidy) allocated/utilised by KVIC under PMEGP during 2008-09 and current year are given in Annex.

(c): For the development of village industries including agro and rural industries, several steps are being taken by the Government through KVIC which include implementation of Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) for development of clusters in khadi and village industries, Rural Industries Service Centres (RISC) for setting up of common facility centers (CFCs) to provide infrastructural support and services to village industries, Product Development, Design Intervention & Packaging (PRODIP) for improved design and packaging, Research & Development and other support services, viz., marketing, export promotion, exhibitions at district, state, zonal & national level, design facility, brand building, etc.