

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF AGRO, RURAL AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES

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

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments for the development of centrally sponsored schemes for development of agro, rural and village industries in the country including Bihar and Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the centrally sponsored schemes for development of such industries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has held consultations with State Governments for the implementation of the scheme;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken to encourage the export of goods produced by rural industries and agriculture sector?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Government of India in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises does not implement any centrally sponsored scheme in the agro and rural industries sector.

(d) to (f): Do not arise.

(g): The Government has taken several steps through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Coir Board to encourage the export of goods produced by rural and agro industries in the country which include financial assistance to the units for participation in the international exhibitions/fairs, organising buyer-seller meet, workshop on export, etc. 'Deemed' Export Promotion Council (EPC) status has also been granted by the Department of Commerce to KVIC for availing assistance for participation in international exhibitions/fairs, organization of buyer-seller meets, etc.