

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:424
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2013
PROMOTION OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed or proposes to assess the implementation of various schemes to promote agro and rural industries including the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Scheme/ State/UT-wise;
- (c) the action taken by the Government to address the shortcomings, if any, noticed therein;
- (d) whether some of the agro and rural industries are on the verge of closure; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 424 FOR ANSWER ON 25.04.2013.

(a)to(c): Government in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), as such, does not carry out assessment of implementation of schemes to promote Agro and Rural Industries (ARI) sector. However, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Coir Board who implement these schemes get them duly evaluated through independent agencies for their continuation in the next Five Year Plan and their finding, observations and recommendations (including any shortcomings noticed) are duly taken into consideration for deciding their continued implementations in succeeding Five Year Plan. As per the Terms of Reference (ToRs) of evaluation, there is no separate provision for capturing State/UT-wise data on implementations except Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). The State-wise data on performance of PMEGP, the major scheme of ARI sector during XI Plan is given in Annex.

(d): No significant trend of any agro and rural industries being on the verge of closure has come to the notice of the Ministry.

(e): Does not arise.