

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

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CREATING EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to explore novel ways of generating employment opportunities in the manufacturing sectors in rural India including Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of sector/new areas being encouraged in the country with special reference to Karnataka during each of the last three years, year-wise ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Government has devised various schemes and programmes for manufacturing sectors in rural India including Karnataka to increase production and employment. These include Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme, Khadi Reform Development Programme (KRDP) and Scheme for Rejuvenation, Modernisation and Technological Upgradation of Coir Industry etc. to boost production and employment generation. The Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), which is a flagship programme of the Ministry, has the prime objective of boosting employment generation in the MSE sector including rural areas.

(c) In the last three years special attention has been given to manufacturing sectors like khadi industries, agro-based food processing industries, polymer and chemical based industries, hand-made paper and fibre industries, rural engineering and bio-tech industries, mineral based industries and forest based industries in rural areas including Karnataka. Encouragement is also being given to some of the new areas like geo-textile, coir pith and coir composites etc. in the coir sector.