

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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RURAL BUSINESS HUBS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has signed a memorandum with Khadi Village Industrial Corporation (KVIC) for implementation of Rural Business Hubs in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of villages and villagers benefited under the scheme during the last one year alongwith allocation of funds made and incurred, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (Dr. C. P. JOSHI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj and KVIC have signed Memorandum of Co-operation (MoC) on 4th August, 2008 to work jointly towards the Rural Business Hubs in rural areas by converging the schemes of KVIC. Joint working arrangement will be operational for a period of three years from the date of signing of the MoC. A proposal to establish beekeeping units in Bharatpur district, Rajasthan, is being processed under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) of the KVIC. No funds have been released yet.