

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

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REGENERATION OF TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of funds spent under the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the industries developed under the scheme and the employment generated by these industries during the above period, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has initiated any study for evaluating the performance of the scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Government in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Coir Board have been implementing a cluster-based scheme named Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) since 2005-06 under which khadi, village industries and coir clusters have been taken up for development by providing them with improved equipments, common facilities centres, business development services, training, capacity building and design and marketing support, etc. 29 Khadi, 47 Village Industries and 25 Coir clusters have been developed under this scheme. The main traditional industries that fall under the purview of the scheme include khadi and village industries such as cane and bamboo crafts, embroidery, leather, pottery, handmade paper, wooden handicrafts, bee-keeping, agarbatti, herbal products, brass metal products, carpentry, beads making, palm gur, Coir, etc. Funds provided by KVIC and Coir Board to the clusters during the last three years and the current year are as follows:

(Rs. lakh)

| Year | KVIC | Coir Board | Total |
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| 2010-11 | 897.65 | 219.90 | 1117.55 |
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| 2011-12 | 461.04 | 0.98 | 462.02 |
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| 2012-13 | 61.68 | - | 61.68 |
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| 2013-14 | 2.73 | - | 2.73 |
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upto January 2014

The State-wise figures of employment generated during last 3 years and the current year are not maintained centrally by KVIC and Coir Board. However, the State-wise number of artisans benefited under the clusters taken under SFURTI is given at Annex.

(c)&(d) As per the evaluation study conducted by KVIC and Coir Board through an independent agency, the scheme has been found to be very effective and has led to significantly higher earnings for the artisans besides increasing production through expansion of business, diversification of products, upgradation of skills and improvement in productivity through better tools and machinery.