

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study with regard to problems being faced by the coir industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal and representation from various State Governments for development of the coir industry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has not recently conducted any study on the problems being faced by the Coir Industry in the country. However, on a request made by Andaman & Nicobar (A&N) Administration, Coir Board a statutory body under the administrative control of Ministry of MSME conducted through ANCON in 2008 a feasibility study for revival of their coir industry which was destroyed due to Tsunami during 2004. Coir Board has also provided 40 motorized traditional ratts and 4 willowing machines for providing training to coir artisans in 4 centres set up by A&N Administration. Coir Board is also rendering assistance for setting up of a coir fibre extraction unit at Dollygunj in Andaman & Nicobar Islands as requested by the Administration.

The Government of Tripura has also recently submitted a proposal to Coir Board for setting up of a Common Facility Centre (CFC) on coir activities at Teliamura, West Tripura with the assistance from the Coir Board under North East Development programmes. A request has also been received from Kerala Government on 25.11.2009 seeking assistance of Central Government for holistic development of coir industry in the State. Coir Board has been asked to send specific proposals on various issues raised by Kerala Government.

The Ministry of MSME through Coir Board is also implementing various schemes like Export Market Promotion Scheme, Domestic Market Promotion, Skill Upgradation & Quality Improvement Scheme including Mahila Coir Yojna, Development of Production Infrastructure, Rejuvenation, Modernization & Technology Up gradation (REMOT) of the Coir Industry, Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) besides undertaking the research & development activities for development of the coir industry in the country.