

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to set up maize based cottage industry in the country including Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented, State-wise; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to promote and develop the said industry in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The development of cottage industries is mainly the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Government in the Ministry of MSME supplements the efforts of State Governments for promotion of khadi, village industries and coir through a number of schemes implemented by Khadi and Village Industries Commission(KVIC) and Coir Board. These include the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), a major credit-linked subsidy programme implemented since 2008-09 through KVIC throughout the country for generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro enterprises including cottage industries in the non-farm sector by organizing traditional artisans and unemployed youth. Under PMEGP, a total of 2.94 lakh micro enterprises including cottage industries have been assisted with a margin money subsidy of Rs 5734.03 crore providing employment to an estimated 25.76 lakh persons since its inception till 31.01.2015.

In addition to PMEGP, a specific cluster-based scheme named Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) is also being implemented by the Government in the Ministry of MSME for promotion of traditional industries, under which khadi, village industries including cottage 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. 101 clusters have been developed under this scheme.

SFURTI Scheme has been revamped in XII plan and 71 clusters including cottage based industries clusters with an outlay of Rs. 149.44 crore are proposed to be developed in the 1st phase.