

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has done any study on the Khadi industries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to windup any unit or industry in the Khadi sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA)

(a)&(b): Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), a statutory body under the administrative control of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, implements various schemes and programmes for the holistic development of the khadi sector. A detailed study of khadi sector was assigned to M/s Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) in the year 2008 by Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) on the basis of concept note prepared by KVIC. The study report recommended to formulate a scheme to revitalize the KVI sector. Accordingly, Khadi Reforms and Development Programme (KRDP), a comprehensive package for revitalization of the khadi sector, including capacity building of 300 khadi institutions and improved marketing, is being implemented with assistance of US\$ 150 million from Asian Development Bank (ADB).

In addition, evaluation studies of the existing schemes implemented by KVIC for the development of khadi sector is a continuous process and it is a mandatory requirement for continuation of the scheme as per the procedure laid down by Planning Commission. Accordingly, KVIC have conducted evaluation through independent agencies for its various schemes for khadi sector like Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans, Strengthening Infrastructure of Existing Weak Khadi Institutions and Assistance for Marketing Infrastructure, Scheme for Enhancing Productivity & Competitiveness of Khadi Industry and Artisans, Market Development Assistance and Khadi Karigar Janshree Bima Yojana. These Evaluation Studies have highlighted the successful implementation of the schemes and have recommended for continuation of these schemes.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.