

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3092
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LEATHER GARMENT INDUSTRY
A.K. MOORTHY

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any new proposals/projects to improve leather garment industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have received any report from any State Government or from the State Pollution Control Board regarding the pollution caused by the leather tanneries; and
- (d) if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO
RURAL INDUSTRIES

(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

The Ministry of SSI & ARI has recently approved a proposal to set up a computer-aided designing training-cum-service centre for the leather garment industry in Delhi and agreed to provide one-time grant of Rs. 123.58 lakhs to the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) for the procurement of machinery and equipment. This will assist the leather garment industry in product design and pattern generation and also in conducting training programmes for meeting skilled manpower requirement of the leather garment industry to enable the industry to produce garments of international quality.

(c) & (d) According to the Central Pollution Control Board, a total of 70 leather units including tanneries throughout the country have been identified under the Central Action Plan on 17 categories of highly polluting industries. Out of these 70 units, 11 are closed and the remaining 59 units have set up adequate pollution control facilities to comply with the standards. Further, a total of 92 defaulting leather units have been identified under the Central Action Plan on grossly polluting industries discharging effluents into rivers and lakes. Out of these, 51 have arranged requisite treatment/disposal facilities, 21 units are closed and 20 are still defaulting.