

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2589

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LEVEL PLAYING FIELD TO SSI

RUPCHAND MURMU

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

- (a) whether the Centre has been urged to provide level playing field to small scale industries which is necessary for fair and healthy competition;
- (b) whether the Laghu Udyog Bharti has also urged the Union Government for timely and adequate credit facilities at low interest to small and tiny industries, benefit from technological advancement and innovations; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote the village and agro industries?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): To promote the Village and Agro Industries, Government have been implementing the Margin Money Scheme of the KVIC in the country, under which 25% margin money is provided to the general category of entrepreneurs and 30% in the case of SC/ST/Women/handicapped etc. for project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and 10% of the project cost over and above Rs. 10 lakhs upto Rs. 25 lakhs. The Government has also announced on 14.5.2001 a Policy Package for strengthening the Khadi & Village Industries sector which is comprised of Rebate Policy for five years, options of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), Insurance cover to Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development, focus on core areas and provision of additional working capital.