

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:569  
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2001  
REDUCTION IN KHADI PRODUCERS  
JASWANT SINGH YADAV;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

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

- (a) whether the Khadi production has been reduced due to non-payment of rebate claims;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the production of Khadi during each of the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the government to remedy the situation?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF AGRO & RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

- a): No, Sir. The shortfall in Khadi production is mainly due to decline in the sales and not due to non-payment of rebate claims.
- b): Does not arise.
- c): The production of Khadi during each of the last three years is as under:-

Year	Production
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(Value Rs. in Crores)

1998-1999	635.89
1999-2000	551.94
2000-2001	605.00

- d): The Government of India announced a package for strengthening the Khadi and Village Industries Sector on 14th May 2001, with the prime objective of creating more jobs in rural areas and empowering the women and economically backward classes. The main features of the package comprises of a Rebate Policy for five years, option 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 etc.