

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

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KVIC UNITS REVAMPED
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 15,000 outlets of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) were being revamped for accelerating sales;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether KVIC is planning to make collaboration with professional institutes in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

a) & b): The Government has announced a package for the development and promotion of Khadi and Village Industries Sector which inter alia includes provision for renovation and modernization of sales outlets of institutions registered with the KVIC. The Government has also decided to renovate and modernize the Khadi Bhavans of major towns including the Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan (KGB) located in Regal Building, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

c): Yes, Sir.

d) The Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has opened a Design Centre in collaboration with the National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad. The NID is also a National Consultant to the KVIC for providing support to strengthen their capabilities for undertaking design projects.

The KVIC is also collaborating with IIT, Delhi for revamping the Jamnalal Bajaj Central Research Institute, Wardha for strengthening research and development activities in the areas of rural industrialization.