

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

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AGRO INDUSTRIES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are formulating any scheme to provide employment for those people belonging to backward districts of the country;
- (b) whether there is any proposal with the Government to have small scale agro industries in Chengalpattu of Tamil Nadu to provide employment opportunities for poor people; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) throughout the country to generate employment in the Village Industries Sector. No new scheme for generating employment in backward districts of the country is under consideration of the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries.
- (b) & (c): The REGP is being implemented throughout the country including Chengalpattu District of Tamil Nadu. While KVIC does not prepare district-wise proposals for the whole country, eligible and viable cases from Chengalpattu can be taken up under this Programme.