GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:25
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2003
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN RURAL AND TRIBAL REGIONS
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have drawn up plans to set up Food Processing, Agro and Rural Industries in the Rural and Tribal regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the next three years, State- wise, area-wise and product-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have spent any amount to encourage Agro and Rural Industries in the remote hinterland of the country in order to save the perishable food items (vegetables and fruits) from getting rotten;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total number of Agro and Rural Industries at present, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 25 FOR ANSWER O 22.07.2003

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) Scheme for the development of Khadi and Village Industries , including food processing industries, throughout the country including Tribal regions.

(b): The government does not set area-wise and product-wise targets. However, the State-wise targets set by KVIC for the next three years under the REGP are at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): An amount of Rs. 46.79 crores has been released by the KVIC during 2002-03 as grant in the form of margin money support for setting up food processing units in the country. The total amount including loan from banks and grant from the Government was Rs. 140.37 crores during the year 2002-03.

(e): The total number of agro and rural industries operating in the country as on 31.03.2003 is at Annexure-II.