

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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INDUSTRIES IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of industries set up in West Bengal since 1991 till date;
- (b) the number of industrial units closed down during the said period along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to set up more industries in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

- (a) : Between August 1991 and October 2001, 239 industrial units in the non-SSI Sector have been set up in West Bengal in terms of Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda implemented and Industrial Licences issued.
- (b) : 41 Industrial Units have reported `closure` during the period 1991-2000. The main reasons for closure are financial stringency, shortage of power, general slowdown of demand and labour indiscipline.
- (c) : Under the liberalized industrial policy, setting up of industries depends upon the commercial judgement of the entrepreneur, and also is based upon initiatives taken by State Governments by way of providing basic infrastructure facilities and other incentives. The Central Government supplements the effort of State Governments through schemes such as Growth Centre Scheme, Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre Scheme and other incentives.