

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

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E-MAIL FACILITY TO SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide E-mail facility to small scale units in District Industrial Centres in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise particularly in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) the time by which the facility is likely to be provided?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRICULTURE AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c): The Government has launched a comprehensive web site `laghu-udyog.com` for providing online information services to small enterprises. The web site, inter-alia, contains e-mail facility for users to send their queries to the Small Industries Development Organisation. With a view to promoting the use of IT applications, including that by small enterprises, Government has permitted private internet Service Providers (ISP) to extend internet facilities, including e-mail facilities to all categories of users, including small scale units, throughout the country. As a result of this, today there are several ISPs who are extending e-mail and other internet facilities at highly competitive and affordable rates, which could be availed of by small enterprises, including those in the State of Madhya Pradesh.