

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

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ARTISAN EMPLOYED IN LOCK INDUSTRY
Singh Shri Bijendra

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the hand made locks of Aligarh are the main achievement of the lock industry of the country;
- (b) if so, the details on the initiatives taken to promote lock industry in other regions along with regions where locks are manufactured;
- (c) the number of artisans employed in the manufacturing of locks;
- (d) whether the Government has any scheme to provide financial assistance to the artisans employed in the manufacturing of locks;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a): No Sir. Mechanised production processes are now extensively used in Aligarh for manufacture of locks
- (b): A National Programme for the Development of Lock Industry (NPDLI) is being pursued by Ministry of Small Scale Industries in collaboration with UNIDO, Small Industries Development Bank of India, National Small Industries Corporation Ltd., The All India Lock Manufacturers` Association, Aligarh, and The Dindigul Lock Workers` Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd., Dindigul (Tamil Nadu) for enhancing` competitive strengths of the lock manufacturing units. Lock industry has been exposed to the improved manufacturing practices and better product designs for achieving higher levels of productivity and efficiency. The focus of the programme is on technology and quality up gradation of the lock units in Aligarh(Uttar Pradesh) and Dindigul (Tamil Nadu).
- (c): As per the Third All India Census of Small Scale Industries conducted with reference to 2001-02, while there were about 6491 artisans engaged in the registered lock manufacturing units, about 19, 981 artisans were employed with the un-registered lock manufacturing units.
- (d)&(e): Under the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Technology Upgradation of small scale industries, Ministry of Small Scale Industries(SSl) is providing 12% capital subsidy for induction of well established and improved technologies approved under the scheme which, inter alia, includes lock industry. In addition, financial support by way of reimbursement of the cost of obtaining ISQ-9001/ 14001 certification up to Rs.75, 000 and reimbursement of registration fee for adopting bar coding up to Rs.15,000 is also provided to small scale industries, including lock manufacturing units.
- (f): Does not arise.