

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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TESTING CENTRES OF SSIs
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): the details of Testing Centres (Testing SSI raw-material and finished products) functioning in Karnataka;
- (b): the details of year-wise allocation made by the Ministry of Industries of such Centres; and
- (c): the total number of such testing centres functioning in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): One Field Testing Station has been set up by the Central Government at Bangalore. Five Testing Centres, one each at Bangalore, Belgaum, Mangalore, Chellakere and Gulbarga, have been set up by the Industries Associations, with financial assistance of the Central Government.

(b): There is no Statewise allocation of funds. However, the Year- wise utilization of the funds made available by the Ministry of Small Scale Industries to these Station and Centres in Karanataka is as follows:

Year Amount Utilized (Rs. in lakh)

2000-01	16.25
2001-02	8.92
2002-03	9.85
2003-04	10.00
2004-05	10.70

In addition, during the period 1998-2000, Central grants of Rs. 60 lakh were released to Testing Centres in Karanataka.

(c): Four Regional Testing Cetnres and seven Field Testing Stations have been set up by the Central Government in the country. In addition, twelve Testing Centres have also been set up with financial assistance of the Central Government. Out of these twelve, five have been set up by the Industry Associations and seven by respective State Governments for modernization of their Quality Marketing Centres.