

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

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CATEGORIZATION OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): the criteria formulated by the Government for categorization of Agro and Rural based industries;
- (b): the names of the industries categorized as Agro and Rural Industries; and
- (c): the progress made by agro/rural based industries as a result of step taken by the Government for their promotion during each of the last three years?

Answer

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

(a): So far as the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is concerned, khadi as well as village industries are defined in the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956.

(b): The agro and rural industries in the KVIC fold have been classified under 7 broad categories, as given below:

- (1) Mineral Based Industry
- (2) Forest Based Industry
- (3) Agro & Food Processing Industry
- (4) Polymer & Chemical Based Industry
- (5) Handmade Paper & Fibre Industry
- (6) Rural Engineering & Bio Technology Industry
- (7) Service & Textiles Industry

(c): The progress made by each of these categories of industries in terms of production and employment during the last three years (2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04) is given in the enclosed Annexure.