

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

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

- (a): whether there is a vast scope to promote cottage industries in the State of Orissa; and
(b): if so, the efforts made by the Government for the growth of cottage industries in the State?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. Keeping in view the vast scope to promote cottage industries in the country, including the State of Orissa, the Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is implementing Rebate scheme, Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate Scheme (ISEC) and Rural Employment Generation Programme(REGP) wherein margin money subsidy is provided for setting up industries in the rural areas. During the year 2003-04, under the REGP,1031 number of projects were set up in Orissa generating 13431 number of employment opportunities. The target for 2004-05, in the State of Orissa under REGP is to set up 989 projects, generating 19057 employment opportunities.