

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

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BLUE PRINT ON AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government has a proposal to bring out a blue print on the problems and prospects of Agro & Rural Industries in the country;
- (b): whether any state-wise blueprint has been prepared thereon; and
- (c): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): No, Sir. However, the National Common Minimum Programme(NCMP) of the UPA Government has stated that the functioning of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission would be revamped and new programmes would be launched for the modernization of traditional industries like coir pottery, cottage industries etc. Accordingly, an action plan has been drawn up after identifying the problems affecting the agro and rural industries sector. These problems interalia relate to marketing, technology upgradation, quality, old and unfashionable sales outlets, erosion of working capital lack of adoption of modern management practices etc.

Furthe, for regeneration of traditional industries like coir handloom handicrafts, sericulture, leather, pottery and other cottage industries, a provision of Rs. 100 crores has been made during the current financial year 2004-05.