

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

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ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO SSI SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government is providing assistance to various State Governments for the small scale industry sector;
- (b): if so, the details of the assistance provided during the last three years State-wise;
- (c): the quantum of assistance to various State Governments particularly West Bengal Government during the current financial year; and
- (d): the number of workers benefited as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): The development of Small Scale Industries sector is primarily the responsibility of the respective State/Union Territory Government. The Central Government supports and supplements the efforts of State/UT Governments through implementation of various Schemes relating to enhanced fiscal and credit support, infrastructural development, technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial development etc., which are uniformly implemented across the country including West Bengal. The allocation of funds is made scheme-wise, not State - wise.

(d): The policies/schemes of the government for promotion of small scale sector lead to setting up of units by individual entrepreneurs and thereby create employment opportunities. The number of workers benefited would, however, depend upon the type of venture, its location, funds deployed, technology etc.