

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the scheme submitted by the Government of Kerala for revival of the traditional Industries of the State; and
(b) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K. S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): The Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal seeking financial assistance for development of traditional industries of Kerala. This proposal seeks Central assistance of Rs.17.64 crore for development of the coir industry in Kerala during 2004-2005. The item- wise details of this proposal are given below:

Sr. No	Item	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1	Market Development Assistance for 2004-05.	400
2.	Modernisation and Technical Upgradation of Coir Societies.	644
3.	Revival of Spinning Coir Co-operative Societies.	135
4.	Pith Processing.	210
5	One-time Assistance for De-fibering Units.	75
6	Mahila Coir Yojana.	300
	Total	1764

In his Budget Speech 2004-05, the Finance Minister has announced the establishment of a Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries. The Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries of the Central Government has been assigned the nodal role in firming up the modalities of operationalising this Fund. The Central Government has approved a scheme titled the "Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries" (SFURTI) at a total cost of Rs. 97.25 crore. This Scheme is for development of a total of 100 clusters in the khadi, coir and village industries (including pottery) over five years beginning 2005-06. The Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries (ARI) its organizations/institutions, State Governments, their organizations concerned, non-Governmental organizations, etc., constitute implementing/monitoring agencies for the Scheme. Further under the Industrial Infrastructure Up-gradation Scheme Coir Cluster-Alappuzha has been approved and Rs. 14.20 crore released. Ayurvedic Cluster Thrissur, Kerala has also been approved and funds will be released after the concurrence of enhancement of funds for IUS by the Planning Commission. The guidelines of the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) are available on the website of the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries at <http://ari.nic.in>.