

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3944
ANSWERED ON:20.12.2005
RETRENCHMENT OF LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): the number of labourers retrenched by the Department of Industries of Lakshadweep Administration from the Fibre factories and Coir production centres during each of the last three years;
- (b): the reason for their retrenchment;
- (c): whether the Government proposes to engage the retrenched labourers considering the availability of sufficient raw material and expansion of coir industry in the Islands; and
- (d): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): 89 contract labourers, working in two fibre factories and one coir production centre in Lakshadweep, were retrenched by the Lakshadweep Administration during 2002-03 because the factories/centres were making losses.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise.