

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4021
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HAND-BAG BY KVIC
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

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

- (a): whether the Government has any proposal to promote hand-bag in place of plastic hand-bag manufactured by Khadi and Village Industries Commission;
- (b): if so, the details thereof; and
- (c): the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): Government, through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has been promoting paper bags (in place of plastic bags), manufactured by handmade paper institutions and village industry units set up under the Rural Employment Generation Programme. Khadi and polyvastra are also used to produce bags as substitute for plastic bags.