

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

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NEW SCHEME FOR AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether the Government is considering/implementing any new scheme for agro and rural industry; and  
(b): if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The Central Government has recently approved a new scheme, viz., Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI). This Scheme envisages the development of 100 clusters of the khadi, coir and village industries over five years beginning 2005-06. The guidelines of SFURTI are available on the website of the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries at <http://ari.nic.in>.