

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2548  
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NEW AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES POLICY  
Mohite Shri Subodh

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

- (a): whether the Government proposes to formulate a new Agro and Rural Industries policy; and  
(b): if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): The Government has been promoting khadi, village and coir industries through the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), schemes for development of the khadi and coir sectors, etc. Further, in keeping with the declaration in the National Common Minimum Programme and announcement in the July 2004 budget speech of the Finance Minister, the Government has introduced a bill in the Lok Sabha to amend the existing Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Act with the aim of revamping the organisation and functions of the KVIC and also approved the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) for development of 100 clusters in the khadi, coir and village industries, over five years beginning 2005-06.