

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:293
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2005
INCREASE IN SSI EXPORT
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government has framed any scheme to promote the export of SSI products;
- (b): if so, the details thereof alongwith the target fixed for the export of SSI products during the next three years; and
- (c): the steps taken/proposes to be taken for the promotion and upgradation of SSI in rural areas particularly in North Eastern States?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 293 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2005

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Central Government implements a number of schemes/programmes to promote export of products of small scale industries (SSI). These include the scheme of reimbursement of the cost upto Rs. 75,000 of acquiring ISO 9000/14001 certification by SSI units, financial assistance to SSI for obtaining registration of bar coding of their products and assistance for market development of SSI. While the first two schemes assist in enhancing their competitiveness through improvement in the quality, etc., of the product of the SSI, the third scheme extends direct assistance to the SSI exporters by providing them free exhibition space in international trade fairs and free transport of their exhibits and publicity material to these fairs. The Central Government does not, however, fix any target for export of SSI products.

(c): The primary responsibility for promotion and development of small scale industries vests with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, including those in the North East. However, the Central Government supplements these efforts by implementing a number of schemes/programmes throughout the country, including the North East. The Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) are two major Central schemes under which small scale/village industries are promoted in the rural areas, including those in the North East. Under both REGP and PMRY, there is provision for higher margin money/subsidy to eligible entrepreneurs in the North Eastern Region. Besides, under the Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme for small scale industries, higher Central grant of Rs. 4 crore is given per IID Centre in the North Eastern States, as against Rs. 2 crore for such Centres elsewhere in the country.