

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF COTTAGE INDUSTRY THROUGH NGOs

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

(a): whether the Government is funding NGOs for the development of cottage industries and for conducting developmental programmes in different States;

(b): if so, the details of such NGOs for the last three years alongwith the fund released/spent, State-wise, organisation-wise, programme-wise; and

(c): the total number of beneficiaries through these projects?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government, through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), implements the

(i) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) for generation of employment through setting up of village industries, including cottage industries,

(ii) Rural Industries Service Centre (RISC) Scheme for setting up Common Facility Centres (CFCs) to provide infrastructural support and services to the units and

(iii) Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) Scheme for improved design and packaging of village industry products. While no NGO has been assisted under REGP, the details of NGOs undertaking projects under the RISC and PRODIP schemes during the last three years along with the funds released to them are given in Annexures I and II respectively.

(c): Institutions/organizations assisted under the RISC and PRODIP Schemes are the direct beneficiaries, details of which are given in Annexures I and II referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) above. These institutional beneficiaries, in turn, help provide employment opportunities to many more persons in the rural areas, directly and indirectly.