

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:229  
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2006  
EMPLOYMENT IN SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a): the number of people employed in the small scale industries sector during each of the last three years;
- (b): the number of new small scale industries set up in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c): whether the employment opportunities available with the small scale industries sector are more in comparison to multinational companies; and
- (d): if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures taken to this effect to strengthen this sector?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 229 FOR ANSWER ON 8th AUGUST, 2006

a): The estimates of the total number of people employed in registered and unregistered small scale industries during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 are given below:

Item/year 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006

Estimates of 271.42 282.57 294.91  
employment in  
ssi sector

(b): The estimated number of registered and unregistered small scale industries (SSI) set up in the country during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 is given below:

Item/year 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006

number of 4,45,637 4,63,778 4,82,841  
ssi units  
set up

(c)&(d): Information on employment in multinational companies is not compiled centrally. However, according to available information, the growth of employment in the SSI during last three years has been as under (employment -lakh persons)

Year Estimated employment in ssi  
Employment Growth rate

2002-03	260.21	4.36%
2003-04	271.42	4.31%
2004-05	282.57	4.11%

The State Governments and the Union Territory Administrations are primarily responsible for the promotion and development of small scale industries. However, Central Government has taken several policy decisions and implements a number of schemes/programmes for the development and promotion of SSI in the country. These include, inter alia, (i) facilitating availability of credit mainly through public sector banks/financial institutions and (ii) assistance for technology up-gradation, obtaining ISO 9000/14001 certification, marketing, integrated infrastructural development and entrepreneurship development.

Besides, the Government implements the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) specifically designed for creating employment opportunities.