

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2824
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COIR INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the performance of Coir Industry in the country is deteriorating;
- (b): if so, whether the Government proposes to reintroduce various assistance schemes which existed earlier for the assistance of this industry; and
- (c): if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir. In the coir industry, all major growth parameters like production, employment generation and export have been showing an increasing trend during the past several years, as detailed below:

(Production, Export in Metric Tonnes)
(Employment in lakh)
2002-03 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06

Production	353700	364000	385000	410000
Export	84183	102253	122927	136027
Employment	5.78	5.86	6.06	6.22

- (b): The Government has not recently withdrawn any scheme of financial assistance that was in operation to assist the coir industry.
- (c): Does not arise, in view of the reply at (b) above.