

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

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

- (a): whether the Government has conducted any study regarding promotion of agro and rural industries;
- (b): if so, the details thereof; and
- (c): the action taken by the Government on the issues pointed out in the study?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): Studies have been undertaken, from time to time, by the Government to assess the status of implementation of various programmes in the khadi, village industries and coir industry with a view to further strengthening and promoting such industries. New schemes for product development, designing intervention and packaging (PRODIP), setting up Rural Industries Service Centres and Scheme of Fund for Traditional Industries (SFURTI) have been introduced. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956 has been amended in May 2006 and Khadi and Village Industries Commission reconstituted by including expert members to bring in improvement in the overall performance. Government has been providing support to this sector to help it remain competitive through assistance for technology upgradation, research and development, quality control of products, marketing, etc.