

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

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EXHIBITION OF REGP
Singh Shri Lakshman

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

- (a): whether the Government has received any complaints regarding non-allotment of 25% of stalls in each exhibition of Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) to disadvantaged section beneficiaries as prescribed in the guidelines;
- (b): if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c): the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the disadvantaged section beneficiaries get their allotment?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Participation of units set up under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in the exhibitions is to the extent of 40 per cent of the total units/institutions participating in the exhibition. The participation of units/institutions is decided by the Local Committee based, inter alia, on the availability of stocks for sale in the exhibitions. For REGP entrepreneurs/institutions belonging to the North-Eastern Region, travelling expenses, 50 per cent of the transportation cost and 50 per cent of the stall rent are borne by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission in respect of exhibitions anywhere in the country.