

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

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SETTING UP OF MODERN INDUSTRIES BY KVIC

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

(a): whether Khadi and Village Industries Commission has decided to shift from conventional industries and encourage setting up of new industries to keep pace with the modernisation in the era of globalisation;

(b): if so, the details of the decision taken in this regard; and

(c): the changes proposed by the Commission in the existing structure of village industries in the light of the said decision?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): In addition to continuing assistance to the conventional industries in the khadi and village industries sector, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has also included some modern industries, namely, chemical based industries, non-conventional energy activities, assembling/servicing of electronic items, bio-technology, etc., among the rural industries assisted under the Government's Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) to keep pace with the modernisation in the era of globalisation. A list giving details of the group-wise and product-wise industries assisted under the REGP is given in the enclosed Annexure.

(c): KVIC has not proposed any changes in the existing structure of village industries.