

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

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

- (a): whether agro and rural industries in and around metro cities have become extinct due to lack of Government's support and upcoming multinational companies;
- (b): the details regarding production of agro and rural industries in the metro cities during each of the last three years;
- (c): whether any special scheme is available with Government to boost the agro industry in the cities; and
- (d): if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956, village industries including agro and rural industries can be set up only in villages and in town with population up to 20,000. Thus, agro and rural industries cannot be located in metro cities, including the surrounding urban areas (towns) unless the above mentioned criterion of population is met.

(b)to(d): In view of the reply at (a) above, the questions do not arise.