

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COIR INDUSTRY IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): the steps taken by the Government to develop coir industry sector in Lakshadweep;
- (b): the number of new units sanctioned under the Scheme for Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) scheme of the Government; and
- (c): the time by which the Government proposes to set up a fibre factory in Chetlat Island?

Answer

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

(a): The Coir Board, a statutory organisation set up under the Coir Industry Act, 1953, has prepared an action plan for implementation of schemes in Lakshadweep for training of women artisans and providing them equipment like motorised ratts/traditional ratts under the Mahila Coir Yojana.

(b): A coir cluster in Androth island in Lakshadweep has been identified and sanctioned for cluster based development under the Scheme of Fund for regeneration of Traditional Industries

(SFURTI).

(c): The Government of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep propose to set up a fibre processing unit in Chetlat island during this year for which Coir Board's assistance has been sought.