

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

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

- (a): whether the Government has received proposals for development of cottage industries from various States;
- (b): if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c): the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d): the total amount of funds allocated to various States for this purpose during each of the last three years and current year; and
- (e): the growth rate of cottage industries in each of the States?

Answer

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

- (a): The proposals for development of cottage industries sector, which consists inter alia of khadi polywastra, coir and village industries, from the State/Union Territory Governments are not received directly by the Government (in the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries);
- (b),(c)&(d): Do not arise in view of (a) above.
- (e): State-wise details of growth rate of cottage industries are not maintained centrally. The overall growth of khadi during 2005- 06 over the preceding year was around 1.46 per cent and that of village industries was around 13.93 per cent.