

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

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

- (a): whether the Government is implementing any scheme for cluster development;
- (b): if so, the details thereof; and
- (c): number of clusters developed/to be developed and the amount incurred/likely to be incurred, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) is for development of clusters of khadi, village and coir industries over a period of five years beginning 2005-06. The Scheme envisages need based assistance for replacement of production equipment, setting up of common facility centres (CFC), product development, quality improvement, improved marketing training and capacity building etc. The guidelines of SFURTI are available on the website of the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries at <http://ari.nic.in>.

(c): So far, 104 clusters of khadi (29), village industries (50) and coir (25) have been approved under SFURTI. The State-wise details of approved clusters under SFURTI are at Annex I. Details of funds sanctioned so far under SFURTI to the Nodal Agencies, i.e., Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Coir Board, are as under:

(Rs. crore)

Year	Funds allocated		Sanctioned	
	Others	North- Total		
	Regions	Eastern		
	Region			

2005-06	1.35	0.15	1.50	1.50
2006-07	23.37	2.60	25.97	12.53