

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:136  
ANSWERED ON:14.07.2004  
SETTING UP OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN NORTH EAST  
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**Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the government has set up a number of Agro and rural Industries in the North Eastern States under `Non-lapsable Central pool resource`;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of units set up in the states and the funds spent on each units;
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries as a result of these units, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to further boost up this sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): The Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(a) to (e) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 136 FOR ANSWER ON 14-7-2004.

(a)to(c): Yes Sir. The Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in the North Eastern Region for setting up agro and rural industries by utilizing the funds from the `Non-lapsable Central Pool Resource`. Under this scheme, KVIC provides margin money assistance at the rate of 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for projects above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, the rate of margin money is 30% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on the remaining cost of the project. The entrepreneur's contribution is 5% of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks and on a selective basis through Cooperative Banks and Private Sector Scheduled Commercial Banks.

The State-wise number of units set up funds spent and the number of beneficiaries in terms of employment generated during 2003-04 in the North Eastern Region is given at Aannexure-I

(d) & (e): Yes Sir. Allocation under Non-lapsable central Pool resource for North Eastern Region (NER) has been increased further from Rs.54.12 crores during 2003-04 to Rs.69.60 crores during 2004-05. Targets for employment generation in NER during 2004-05 under REGP have been increased as under:

Sl.No. State/UT Target (in number of persons)

1	Arunachal Pradesh	1700
2	Assam	25100
3	Manipur	5000
4	Meghalaya	5000
5	Nagaland	2850
6	Sikkim	1775
7	Tripura	3600
8	Mizoram	7475

Total 52500

In order to strengthen the agro and rural industries sector in the country, Govt. has provided an additional Rs. 100 crores as a Fund For regeneration of Traditional Industries In The Country including North Eastern Region (NER).

#### Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 136 for answer on 14.07.2004.

State-wise number of units, funds utilized in terms of margin money and beneficiaries in terms of employment generated under REGP in the North Eastern Region during 2003-04.

Sr.	States	Number of units generated (in numbers)	units Utilised (Rs. in lakhs)	Employment	Margin Money
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1.	Arunachal Pradesh	32	864	52.77	
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2.	Assam	1223	15548	806.83	
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3.	Manipur	92	211	11.06	
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4.	Meghalaya	210	2170	121.79	
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5.	Mizoram	33	1173	61.10	
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6.	Nagaland	61	2332	117.20	
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7.	Tripura	244	4316	224.02	
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8.	Sikkim	113	449	24.66	
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