

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

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TRAINING BY COIR INDUSTRY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether the coir industry is imparting training to artisans and workers engaged in the coir industry;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c): the number of persons trained during the Tenth Plan period till date, year-wise;
- (d): whether the coir industry is providing self-employment to the rural women artisans; and
- (e): if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): To meet the requirements of trained personnel in the Coir industry, the Coir Board, a statutory organisation set up under the Coir Industry Act, 1953, imparts training in various areas to artisans and workers engaged in coir industry. Training includes exclusive training to woman artisans to make them eligible for assistance in procuring for obtaining spinning ratt. The year-wise number of persons trained during the X plan (till 31st October, 2006) is as follows:

2002-03 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07

Number of persons trained 3063 6829 13318 35792 5229

(d)&(e): Government, through the Coir Board, has been implementing `Mahila Coir Yojana` for self-employment of rural woman artisans. Eighty (80) per cent of the estimated employment of over 6 lakh workers are women. Under the scheme, motorised ratts are distributed among woman artisans after training them in spinning coir year. Subsidy @ 75% of the cost of the ratt, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 7500/- for motorised ratt and Rs. 2925/- for motorised traditional ratt, is also given. The scheme is implemented in areas where coir is produced or areas where it is easily sourced from nearby areas. During the X plan, (till 31.10.2006), a total number of 11,677 motorised ratts/motorised traditional ratts were distributed to trained woman artisans.