

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:170
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2007
SUBSIDIES TO RURAL ARTISANS
Agarwal Shri Dharendra;Thummar Shri Virjibhai

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

- (a): whether the rural artisans are not getting subsidies due to which the growth in agro and rural industry sector is not being achieved in proportion to the targets fixed by the Government;
- (b): if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c): the target fixed under Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (REGP), Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate Scheme and achievements made during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;
- (d): the details of the provisions of different schemes/programmes under which the rural artisans are provided financial assistance and other facilities;
- (e): whether these provisions are being complied with; and
- (f): if not, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The State-wise and Union Territory-wise details of targets fixed and achievements made under the Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (REGP) during 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are at Annex. I, II, III and IV, those under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) at Annex. V and those under Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate Scheme at Annex. VI. (d): Khadi Karigar Janashree Bima Yojana (JBY) was launched on 15th August, 2003 to provide social security benefits to khadi artisans/workers. The annual premium per artisan under JBY is shared as under:

Share borne by Amount of Annual Premium (Rs.)
From 15th August,2003 15th August, 2005 onwards
to 14th August,2005

Artisan 25 12.50

Government Social 100 50
Security Fund

KVIC 25 12.50

Khadi Institution 50 25
concerned

Total Premium 200 100

This scheme provides each artisan cover of upto

- (i) Rs. 20,000 for natural death and Rs. 50,000 for death due to accident,
- (ii) Rs. 50,000 for permanent disability (loss of two eyes/limbs of use) due to accident, and
- (iii) Rs. 25,000 for partial disability.

The Shiksha Sahayog Yojana is add-on coverage under JBY, without additional premium. The wards of the khadi artisans (benefit restricted to two children per member/family) covered under the JBY are entitled to receive upto Rs. 300 per quarter per ward towards tuition fee under the Shiksha Sahayog Yojana. This benefit is only for wards studying in classes IX to XII, including those studying in Industrial Training Institutes (ITI).

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.