

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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COMPOSITION OF NATIONAL COMMISSION
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a National Commission to examine the problems being faced by the unorganized and informal sector;
- (b) if so, the details of the composition of this Commission and their functions; and
- (c) the time by which the Commission is likely to submit its recommendations?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Commission has a full time Chairman in the rank of Cabinet Minister, two full time Members and a Member Secretary in the rank of Secretary to the government of India and two part time members. The Commission will also have an 11 member Advisory Board.

The Commission will, inter-alia, review the status of unorganized/informal sector, identify constraints faced by these enterprises; suggest the legal and policy environment that should govern the sector for growth, employment, exports and promotion; examine the existing programmes relating to employment generation in the sector and suggest improvement for their redesign; identify innovative legal and financing instruments to promote growth of the sector; review the existing arrangements for estimating employment and unemployment in the sector and suggest elements of employment strategy focusing on the informal sector; review Indian Labour Laws consistent with the labour rights, and with the requirements of expanding growth of industry and services, particularly in the informal sector and improving productivity and competitiveness and review the social security system available for labour and make recommendations for expanding their coverage

(c): The term of the Commission is for a period of one year. The Commission will submit periodic reports to the Government.