

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PROMOTION OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES IN WEST BENGAL

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

- (a): whether the Government has launched any special programme to promote small scale industries in West Bengal;
- (b): if so, the details thereof and the total number of small scale industries in the State;
- (c): the quantum of funds released to the State for the said purpose during the current financial year; and
- (d): the amount of loans provided by the banks to the small scale industries during the last two years and till date in West Bengal?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): The development of small scale industries is primarily the responsibility of the respective State/Union Territory (UT) Governments/Administrations. The Central Government, however, supports and supplements the efforts of the State/UT Governments/Administrations through various schemes/programmes relating to credit, infrastructural development, technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial development, etc. These are implemented across the country, including the State of West Bengal. Based on the results of the Third All India Census of small scale industrial (SSI) units and the information received from the Directorate of Industries of West Bengal, the number of SSI units registered upto 30.09.2004 (latest available) in the State is estimated to be 44,374. The funds under the schemes implemented by the Ministry of Small Scale Industries are released schemewise.

(d): As per the latest information provided by the Reserve Bank of India, the details of loans provided by public sector banks to SSI Units in West Bengal are as under:

Year	Amount of loans outstanding (Rs. crore)
2000-01	3078.45
2001-02	3355.24
2002-03	3544.45