

Title: Need to strengthen Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

SHRI SWADESH CHAKRABORTY (HOWRAH): Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is an organisation under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. KVIC is a very strong weapon to fight the demon of unemployment in the country. Its units in the villages could give bread to the local youths both boys and girls. But the strength of the KVIC has been downsized by more than 40% leading to a situation, where there is not enough technical staff to train the village youth to earn their livelihood.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to strengthen KVIC by restoring the staff strength and by sanctioning more funds to increase the number of REGP units in all the villages in the country.