

Bangladesh India Bilateral Trade Talks held at Dhaka from 8-10 April, 2002 India agreed to provide duty free access to Bangladeshi products on 40 tariff lines at the six digit HS level. It was decided that the actual notification of these 40 tariff lines would be done only after the Government of Bangladesh addressed the issue of land route for India's cotton yarn exports. The notification has not been issued since the Government of Bangladesh has not addressed our specific concern.

(c) and (d) Government of India has further received a list of 121 items from the Government of Bangladesh for duty free access to India. The list includes the 40 items on which Government of India had earlier agreed to provide duty free access to Bangladesh.

Assistance to rural clustered by NABARD/SIDBI

1386. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether SIDBI and NABARD are assisting rural clusters for helping cottage Industries in Andhra Pradesh and the rest of the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of clusters developed with the assistance of SIDBI and NABARD separately in each State so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGA RAM GEETE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is assisting rural clusters for helping cottage industries under National Programme for Rural Industrialisation (NPRI). Similarly, National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is also assisting artisans under NPRI for development of Rural Industrial Clusters. The activities assisted under Rural Cluster relate to Idol Making, Imitation Jewellery making, Leather Craft, Banjara Embroidery, Plastic Rope Making, Shoe Making and Handloom Weaving etc.

The number of clusters developed with the assistance of SIDBI and NABARD separately in each State so far is furnished in the enclosed Statement.

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RAJYA SABHA

Statement

Number of clusters developed with the assistance of SIDBI and NABARD separately in each State

Sl. No.	State	No. of Clusters Developed with the assistance from	
		SIDBI	NABARD
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	2
2.	Assam	1	—
3.	Bihar	—	2
4.	Haryana	1	1
5.	Himachal Pradesh	—	1
6.	Karnataka	1	3
7.	Kerala	—	1
8.	Madhya Pradesh	—	1
9.	Maharashtra	—	2
10.	Manipur	1	—
11.	Orissa	—	1
12.	Punjab	1	1
13.	Rajasthan	3	1
14.	Tamil Nadu	1	2
15.	Uttar Pradesh	1	1
16.	West Bengal	3	1
TOTAL:		14	20

Assets of corporate giants

1387. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED:

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total assets of India's 1000 corporate giants in 1999, 2000 and 2001, year-wise; and

(b) the percentage of salary/wage expenses out of major manufacturing expenses of these corporate giants during these periods, year-wise?