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Cities Known For SSI

†5008. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many cities in the country where traditional industries have been developed as a cottage and small scale industries and such cities are known by the names of such industries;

(b) if so, the names of such cities and industries alongwith the names of the States where these are located;

(c) whether Government have considered to provide certain facilities for encouraging the development, expansion and smooth functioning of these industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) There are many towns/cities which are known for their traditional industries both in cottage as well as small scale sector such as Aligarh (UP) for Locks, Moradabad (UP) for Metal, Khurja (UP) for Pottery, Ferozabad (UP) for Glass & Bangles, Ludhiana (Punjab) and Tiruppur (Tamil Nadu) for Hosiery, Jalandhar (Punjab) and Meerut (UP) for Sports Goods, Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu) and Mysore (Karnataka) for Silk etc.

(c) and (d) For the promotion and development of Village Industries in the country, the Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) provides financial assistance in the form of margin money. Moreover, in order to promote SSIs, infrastructural facilities like power, water, telecommunication, roads, credit facility etc. are also provided.

The Government have also launched the National Programme for Rural Industrialisation under which common facilities are to be developed in identified clusters.

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