

[3rd August, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

**Redefining Small Scale and Tiny Sectors**

1381. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering re-defining the small scale and tiny industry sectors;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government want to reduce the number of units presently defined as small scale and tiny units;

(c) what are the reasons for this step;

(d) whether this is a retrograde step in terms of employment and nurturing of the small scale and tiny sectors; and

(e) if not, what are the objectives going in for a fresh definition of small scale and tiny industry sectors at this juncture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

**Number of SSI Units functioning**

†1382. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

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

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of the number of small scale units functioning in early nineties;

(b) if so, the number thereof together with the capital investment made therein;

(c) the percentage of sick units at that time;

(d) whether the percentage of sick units has increased in the end of the decade; and

(e) if so, the estimate of the percentage of these sick units together with the total amount involved therein?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.