

(c) the details of the amount spent thereon during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is implementing various schemes/programmes for the promotion and development of MSMEs and to enhance their competitiveness. The major schemes/programmes include Credit Guarantee Scheme, Cluster Development Programme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme, Marketing Development Assistance, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme, ISO 9000/14000, Performance and Credit Rating Scheme, Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme and Skill Development Programme.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 1794 crore was allocated to the Ministry of MSME during 2008-09 against which an amount of Rs. 1658.05 was spent.

#### **Khadi Research Centre in Gujarat**

997. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state the steps taken by his Ministry to set up Khadi Research Centre in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has revamped the erstwhile Jamnalal Bajaj Central Research Institute as Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialization (MGIRI) to *inter alia* promote research and development (R&D) in khadi in the country, including Gujarat. To ascertain the viability of a khadi Research Centre in Gujarat, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has carried out a preliminary study through its Gujarat State Office which underlined the need for a coordinated approach with close involvement of State Government and other stakeholders. A consultative meeting was held by KVIC with MGIRI and Chairman, Gujarat Khadi and Village Industries Board at Ahmedabad on 11th December, 2009 in this matter.

#### **Cottage industry**

†998. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage share of small and cottage industry in the Gross Domestic Production of the country;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government promote small and cottage industries during last five years; and

(d) the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.