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2.	Rajkot	283	59	53	111.51	530
3.	Amreli	206	56	39	47.34	390
4	Mehsana	375	77	40	84.26	400
5	Surat	557	87	30	117.15	300

(c) and (d) Central Government provides support for setting- up enterprises through various schemes which, *inter alia*, include assistance for easy availability of credit, training and capacity building of entrepreneurs, technology upgradation, accessing markets and improved infrastructure etc. The Government of Gujarat has set up District Level Committee *viz.* Single Window Industries Follow-up Team (SWIFT) to address individual issues of entrepreneurs to resolve their problems. The State Government has been implementing Industrial Policy 2009 which has various incentives for promotion of the sector.

Rebate policy on Khadi and Khadi items

4729. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of rebate policy on Khadi for the year 2009-10 and 2010-11;
- (b) the details of production and earnings from sale of Khadi and Khadi related items during the last two years;
- (c) whether Government proposes to provide normal and special rebates on Khadi and Khadi items from the month of April, 2010 before the festival seasons;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps proposed to promote the use of Khadi and Khadi items in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) In order to promote market for khadi products till 2009-10 the Government had continued with the policy of rebate on sale of khadi and khadi products @20% of sales of which normal 10% rebate is given throughout the year whereas a special rebate of additional 10% is given for 108 days in a year coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti and local festivals. Besides the above, some State Governments also declare additional rebates from time to time. However, the Governments has introduced a more flexible scheme, namely, Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme on production of khadi in place of existing Rebate scheme with effect from 01.04.2010 for implementation during 2010-11 and 2011-12. The scheme envisages financial assistance @ 20% of production value on khadi and polyvastra which will be shared among spinners/weavers, producing institutions and selling institutions in the ratio 25:30:45. An amount of Rs. 345.05 crore has been estimated to be incurred on MDA between 2010-11 and 2011-12.

(b) The details of value of production and sales of khadi sector during each of the last three years are given below:—

Year	Value of Production (Rs. crore)	Value of Sales (Rs. crore)
2006-07	491.52	663.19
2007-08	543.39	724.39
2008-09	585.25	799.61

As the khadi activities are carried out by the institutions on a 'no profit - no loss' basis, there is no earning from sales as such, and the statutory margins are just enough to cover their administrative expenses, etc.

(c) and (d) As mentioned in answer to part (a) above, the scheme of MDA on production of khadi and polyvastra has been introduced with effect from 01.04.2010 in place of existing Rebate scheme for implementation during 2010-11 and 2011-12. Under the new scheme the khadi institutions engaged in sales of khadi have the liberty to utilize their share of MDA on various activities, including providing discount to customers.

(e) To promote the use of khadi products throughout the country, the Government, through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has taken several initiatives, viz., (i) organising exhibitions at National/Zonal/District levels, (ii) providing financial assistance to khadi institutions for participation in national and international exhibitions, (iii) providing financial assistance under Product Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) Scheme for improved designs and packaging of khadi products, (iv) launching 'Mission Khadi' to convert the Khadi fabric into ready-made garments of latest designs, (v) launching brand name 'Khadi India' for khadi products, (vi) launching Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) for implementation in 25 khadi clusters for their holistic development over five years beginning 2005-06, (vii) launching MDA scheme on khadi and polyvastra beginning 2010-11, etc. Besides, the Government has also embarked upon a comprehensive Khadi Reform and Development Programme to revitalize the sector through quality improvement and better marketing network through private partnership.

Promotion of rural industries

4730. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether steps are being taken to promote rural industries in the country;
- (b) if so, the funds earmarked for the purpose for 2009-10;