

1	2	3	4	5	6
21.	West Bengal	333	341	3351	3300
22.	Himachal Pradesh	77	77	3243	2426
23.	Puducherry	6	2	98	98
24.	Punjab	142	142	12800	None
			(under NREGA)		
25.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1	1	11	11

States/UTs who have not furnished information:— Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Manipur, Jammu and Kashmir and Gujarat, Panchayats are not formulated in Delhi, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland.

Rural Business Hubs in Andhra Pradesh

978. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of Rural Business Hubs (RBHs);
- (b) the details of districts in which RBHs are implemented, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether some of the products in RBH are also exported; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI C.P. JOSHI): (a) The aim and objective of the Rural Business Hubs scheme is to usher in prosperity to the rural areas of the country by providing technical support and marketing linkages to rural products/producers, to promote rural industrialization, to diversify rural enterprises and to augment non-farm rural employment. It also aims at providing economic and social development in the rural areas, the entire process being mediated/facilitated by the empowered PRIs.

(b) The RBH scheme works on 4-P (Public-Private-Panchayat-Partnership) and is applicable to all the BRGF districts (including those in Andhra Pradesh) and all the districts of the North Eastern Region.

(c) and (d) According to the information available, Beaded charger and coasters, cushion cover, duvet cover, lumber cushion, throws, pillow cover have been exported to USA and New Zealand by M/s. Alacrity Exports, Jaipur, Carpets were exported to USA and Greece by Jaipur Rugs Foundation, Jaipur.

Transparency and accountability in PRIs

979. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of consideration within Government of the proposal to incentivise