

#### Supply of raw materials to SSIs in Chhattisgarh

†3523. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that small scale industries in Chhattisgarh are not getting regular supply of iron, steel and coal in adequate quantity despite the fact that the State is having iron and steel public sector undertakings and huge coal reserves; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to help the small scale industries in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) With the liberalization of economy, raw materials are available at market determined prices. To promote the micro and small enterprises, Government has a scheme for routing allocation of iron and steel materials from main producers to the micro and small enterprises (SSIs), all over the country, including Chhattisgarh, through the State Small Scale Industry Corporations and National Small Industries Corporation. Under the coal distribution policy of the Government, supply of coal to consumers in small and medium sector is available through the nodal agencies, nominated by the state Government.

#### Khadi Research Centre in Gujarat

3524. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to start a Khadi Research Centre in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how much fund has been allocated for this research centre;

(d) whether Government has issued directives to all PSUs/PSU banks/Railways/LIC and State Governments to utilize maximum items of khadi to boost up business of this udyog;

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