

(d) The main items produced in the khadi and village industries sector come under the group of industries such as mineral-based, forest-based, agro-based and food processing, polymer and chemical-based, rural engineering and bio-technology, handmade paper and fibre and textile and service and in the coir sector such as coir fibre and coir value-added items. Data on State-wise items produced by the cottage industries in the country is not maintained centrally by KVIC/Coir Board.

Tweaking of FDI guidelines

2081. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is against tweaking or diluting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) guidelines in single-brand retail without its nod;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry is the deciding factor on the issue as the changes sought are concerning small industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (d) The guidelines for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in single brand retail was approved by the Cabinet with inputs from all concerned Ministries.

There is no proposal with this Ministry at present for diluting FDI guidelines in single brand retail.

Schemes to boost small scale industries

2082. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has initiated any scheme to boost small scale industries in the country including Uttar Pradesh and Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of small scale industries revived in the country during each of the last three years, state-wise; and

(d) the total investment made for revival of these closed units during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES