

(b) if not, then whether Government is going to formulate any such specific plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) and (b) No Sir. However, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has been implementing various schemes/ programmes to promote MSMEs across the country including border areas covering West Bengal.

Census of unorganized sector units

1320.SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any census on the unorganized sector units; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) and (b) Sir, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is entrusted with the responsibility of collection of data pertaining to Small Scale Industries (SSI) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector. It has conducted four Censuses of the registered sector. Third All India Census of SSI and Fourth All India Census of MSME had provision to cover the unregistered sector, in addition to the registered sector. The latest Census (Fourth Census), conducted (with base reference year 2006-07), wherein the data was collected till 2009 and results published in 2011-12, as well as data extracted from Economic Census 2005 conducted by Central Statistics Office (CSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), for activities excluded from Fourth Census, namely wholesale/retail trade, legal, educational and social services, hotel and restaurants, transports and storage and warehousing (except cold storage). As per this census the total number of unregistered MSMEs functioning in the country stands at 346.12 lakh.

Financial packages for rural industries

1321.SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is giving financial packages to Khadi and Village Industries Commission for the development of rural industries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years, State-wise, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) and (b) Government is providing plan funds to KVIC for the development of khadi and village industries in