

(c) the number of schemes those have been launched in the backward region of Vidarbha along with funds allocated so far; and

(d) what other incentives are being provided to the people of Vidarbha region so that they get market also for their products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) to (c) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has been implementing various schemes and policies for development of micro, small and medium enterprises at all India level uniformly covering industrially backward and tribal region including Vidarbha region. The major schemes/programmes include Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Credit Guarantee Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme (CLCSS), National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme, Cluster Development Programme, Marketing Development Assistance, Skill Development Programmes, International Cooperation Scheme etc. The funds allocated to Ministry of MSME during 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 are ₹2700.00 crore, ₹2835.00 crore, ₹2977.00 crore and ₹3327.00 crore respectively and the provision for allocation under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) has been done for ₹221.70 crore, ₹ 232.55 crore, ₹ 244.21 crore and ₹ 272.82 crore during the above period.

(d) This Ministry has various marketing schemes viz. Marketing Development Assistance Programme, ISO, Technology and Quality Upgradation Support to MSME, Marketing Assistance Scheme, Marketing Development Assistance for Khadi and Market Promotion Programme, to get market for the products of MSME sector all over the country including Vidarbha region.

Use of E-charkha and E-handloom in production of Khadi

†2895. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of spinners and weavers presently working to produce Khadi clothes by hand in the country;

(b) the number of spinners and weavers working in the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra; and

(c) whether Government proposes to facilitate the use of E-Charkha and E-handloom in the production of Khadi and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) As on 31.03.2014, the number of spinners and weavers working to produce khadi clothes by hand in the country are given below:

	(in lakh persons)
Spinners	8.56
Weavers	1.41
TOTAL	9.97

(b) As on 31.03.2014, the number of spinners and weavers working in the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra are given below:

State	Spinners	Weavers	Total
Gujarat	10243	4057	14300
Rajasthan	16747	2797	19544
Maharashtra	8111	295	1106

(c) Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has developed E-charkha, which has a dynamo and portable storage battery. While plying charkha the battery is energized to supply power of 4 watt which is used to light a LED lamp, listening transistor and charging of cellphone. So far 1464 E-charkhas have been supplied to the khadi institutions. However, the Khadi Institutions and artisans did not favourably accept the same because of increased workload in spinning due to the attached dynamo. E-handloom has not been developed so far.

Steps taken to promote export of Khadi products

2896. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the remedial steps/corrective action taken by Government, in consultation with State Governments, on the issue of sharp declining business of Khadi Udyog, considering this Udyog provides employment in rural parts of the country and it has been a dream project of Father of the Nation;

(b) whether Government has data regarding revenue generated through export of Khadi projects, if so, the details thereof for last three years, product-wise and country-wise; and