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15.	Odisha	Dhenkanal Bamboo Craft and Agarbatti	Bamboo Craf	t IEDO 1	192.19
16.	Odisha	Sinapali Handloom, Nuapada	Handlooms	IEDO 2	268.88
	Total			3	996.00

- 1. KVIC-Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Mumbai.
- 2. Coir Board, Kochi, Kerala.
- 3. IIEG-Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati.
- 4. NIMSME-National Institute of MSME, Hyderabad.
- Jammu and Kashmir KVIB-Jammu and Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board, Srinagar/ Jammu.
- 6. IEDO-Institute of Entrepreneurship Development, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- 7. IMEDF-Indian Micro Enterprises Development Foundation, New Delhi.

## Agro-based industries included in MSMEs

1195. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that agro-based industries, except farming, have been included in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs);
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is the total number of agro-based industries set up in the country during the last three years, the year-wise details thereof; and
- (d) what is the amount of financial assistance given to the said industries in the form of subsidies, the details thereof for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Agro-based Food Processing Industry is one of the major sectors of village industries under the purview of KVIC. It has significant linkages with agriculture and its allied activities. All the post-harvesting activities like Pulses and Cereals Processing Industry, Gur and Khandsari Industry, Palmgur Industry, Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industry, Village Oil Industry, etc. comes under the purview of KVI Sector.

Ministry of MSME is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), which is a major credit-linked subsidy programme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector by helping traditional artisans and unemployed youth. Any individual above 18 years of age is eligible. General category beneficiaries can avail of margin money subsidy of 25 % of the project cost in rural areas and 15% in urban areas. For beneficiaries belonging to special categories such as Scheduled Caste/Scheduled tribe/OBC /minorities/women, ex-serviceman, physically handicapped, NER, Hill and Border areas etc. the margin money subsidy is 35% in rural areas and 25% in urban areas. The maximum cost of projects is ₹ 25 lakh in the manufacturing sector and ₹ 10 lakh in the service sector. Benefit can be availed under PMEGP for setting up of new units only. All Agro-based Food Processing Industries are covered under PMEGP scheme.

(c) and (d) The details of number of Agro-based Food Processing Industries set up under PMEGP and amount of financial assistance given in the form of margin money subsidies from the year 2015-16 to 2017-18 are given below:—

Year	Agro-based and food processing industries financed under PMEGP			
	No. of projects set up	Margin Money Subsidy disbursed (₹ in lakh)		
2015-16	8065	22964.54		
2016-17	8944	27681.53		
2017-18	8386	26809.66		

## Financial incentive schemes for startups

1196. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial incentive schemes provided to startup companies in the sector of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the country;
- (b) the State-wise details of the finances disbursed to sartups during the last three years and current year; and
- (c) the details of the incubation centres established by Government to promote sartups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) The Start-Up India initiative aims