

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 125
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025

**ENHANCING RESEARCH ON KHADI PRODUCTS, MODERNIZING
THE KHADI INDUSTRY AND EXPORT OF KHADI GOODS**

125. SHRI GOVINDBHAI LALJIBHAI DHOLAKIA:

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

- (a) whether the Central Government is presently collaborating adequately and effectively with the State Governments to enhance research on various Khadi products, modernize the Khadi industry, promote the export of Khadi goods and identify new export markets;
- (b) whether the Ministry is encouraging Government departments and public sector undertakings to buy composite products from Khadi Industries Commission to mitigate their marketing challenges; and
- (c) whether Railways and Health Department can be encouraged to purchase bed sheets and pillows from Khadi and Village Industries Commission as per their annual requirement?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a): To enhance the research on Khadi products, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) undertakes research and development activities through in-house research facilities as well as by sponsoring projects to other Research and Development organizations and premier technical institutes such as Indian Institute of Technology, National Institute of Technology, Textile Research Associations & Indian Institute of Handloom Technology etc. There is no specific collaboration with State Governments to enhance research on various Khadi Products.

Further, to strengthen rural industrialization through research, innovation, and technology development in Khadi Sector, KVIC has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialization (MGIRI)/Wardha, a dedicated research and training institute focused on promoting innovation, Science and Technology interventions, quality guidance, and entrepreneurship support for Khadi and Village Industries institutions.

KVIC has also signed MoU with the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), New Delhi to set up Centre of Excellence for Khadi (CoEK) on the Hub and Spoke model for establishing benchmarked design processes for global standards, creating new fabrics and products and disseminating quality standards for fabrics. The CoEK provides design and product development, capacity building support to Khadi Institutions.

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(b): The Government has a Public Procurement Policy for MSEs 2018, which has been notified under section 11 of MSMED Act, 2006. The policy is effective from 1st April, 2019. According to this, every Central Ministry/Department/PSUs shall set annual targets for 25% procurement from MSEs.

Further as per the Manual for Procurement of Goods (second edition, 2024) issued by Department of Expenditure, "Out of the total procurement of handloom origin textiles required by Central Government departments throughout the year, it shall be mandatory to make procurement of at least 20% from the Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and/ or Handloom Clusters such as Co-Operative Societies, Self Help Group (SHG) Federations, Joint Liability Group (JLG), Producer Companies (PC), Corporations etc. including Weavers having Pehchan Card.

(c): Khadi products including bed sheets and pillows are being supplied by KVIC to Government Departments like Railways, Defence, Health & Family Welfare, and Paramilitary Forces. During the year 2024-25, KVIC made Government supplies worth Rs.162.51 crore to various Government departments.
