

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*396**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025**

SARVODAYA ASHRAM KHADI VILLAGE INDUSTRY

\*396. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there was a large trade center in Sarvodaya Ashram Khadi Village Industry at Ranipatra in Purnia district of Bihar from where goods manufactured by village industries were traded to several States and lakhs of families earned their livelihood;
- (b) whether the Sarvodaya Ashram Khadi Village Industry which had been operating since the time of the country's independence has now been closed down, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to allocate an amount of Rs. one hundred crore for revamping of Sarvodaya Ashram Khadi Village Industry at Ranipatra in Purnia district of Bihar with a view to create employment in the local area and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES  
(SHRI JITAN RAM MANJHI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PARTS (a) to (c) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*396 FOR ANSWER ON 27.03.2025.**

(a): Yes. Sarvodaya Ashram Khadi Village Industry at Ranipatra in Purnia district of Bihar was a registered Khadi Institution with Khadi and Village Industries (KVIC) for running Khadi activities. As per the approved action plan of the said Ashram for FY 2006-07, it was to provide employment to 57 artisans.

(b): Sarvodaya Ashram Khadi Village Industry at Ranipatra in Purnia district of Bihar was registered under society Registration Act, 1860 having Registration No. 20/1955-56 dated 15.09.1955. During the year 2009, a deep internal conflicts/dispute arose in Sarvodaya Ashram for control over the KI, which badly affected its working leading to closure of Khadi activities in the institution. Also, due to non-furnishing of Annual returns, validity of its Registration Certificate with KVIC lapsed.

(c): Sarvodaya Ashram Khadi Village Industry being an old Khadi Institution, state Government is being approached for making a revival plan of the Khadi activities and establishment of effective management in the Institution.

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