

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2411
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2015**

PROMOTION OF AGRO RURAL INDUSTRIES

**2411. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
 SHRI D.K. SURESH:
 SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
 SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
 SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:
 SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
 SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:
 SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
 SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:
 SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:
 SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
 SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch new schemes for promotion of agricultural and rural industries for upliftment of the rural population;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated/released, number of agro rural based industries set up and persons benefited therefrom in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from various States including Chhattisgarh for setting up of agro-based rural industries;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the status of the said proposals, State/UT-wise; and**
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to promote agro-based rural industries in the country?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)**

- (a): No.**
- (b): Does not arise.**
- (c): No.**
- (d): Does not arise.**

(e): The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises has launched a new scheme namely, ASPIRE (A Scheme for Promoting Innovation, Rural Industry and Entrepreneurship) on 18.3.2015 to accelerate entrepreneurship and to promote start-ups for innovation and entrepreneurship in agro-industry. Under ASPIRE, 80 Livelihood Business Incubation (LBI) centres are to be set up in which a total of 104000 incubates will be trained and 30 (10 new & 20 existing) Technology Business Incubation (TBI) centres will be supported and setup. A Fund of Funds has been created under SIDBI for start-ups and Rs.60 crore released for operationalizing the fund.
