GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 35 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016

PROMOTION OF COIR INDUSTRIES

35. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any schemes/projects for setting up and promotion of coir industries in the non-traditional areas in the country including Assam; if so the details thereof,
- (b) whether any strategies have been framed for enhancing the skills upgradation and quality improvement for the unemployed youths in the country including Assam to open avenues for them in coir industries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and
- (d) whether any package has been provided by the government for the development of coir industries in the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): The Government through Coir Board is implementing various schemes in the country including Assam such as Coir Vikas Yojana (CVY) which includes Mahila Coir Yojana (MCY), Development of Production Infrastructure(DPI), Export Market Promotion, Domestic Market Promotion etc. and Coir Udyami Yojana for setting up of coir units, for creation of more employment opportunities and development of Coir industry. The Coir Board is also implementing the Plan Scheme Science and Technology (S&T), and Scheme of Funds for Upgradation and Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI).
- (b)& (c): Coir Board is encouraging unemployed youth to setup Coir Units and for development of Coir industry in the country including Assam. Under the scheme Skill Upgradation & Mahila Coir Yojana the Board is conducting various programmes like Entrepreneurship Development Programme, Awareness Programme, Workshop, Seminar, Exposure Tour, etc. for attracting more entrepreneurs to set up coir industrial units. In order to create skilled manpower required for the coir industry the Board is implementing various value added products manufacturing training programmes. The candidates undergoing these training programmes are given a monthly stipend amounting to Rs. 1000/- per month.
- (d): The Government has not provided any special package, however various schemes/programmes are implemented through Coir Board for the development of coir industry and to provide more employment opportunities.
