

Village and Small Enterprises Division

1. Village and Small Industries (VSI) and Food Processing Industries are divided into sub-sectors like:

- i) small scale industries
- ii) khadi
- iii) village industries
- iv) coir
- v) handlooms
- vi) powerlooms
- vii) handicrafts
- viii) sericulture
- ix) wool development
- x) food processing industries (FPI)

2. Small Scale Industries are looked after by the Ministry of Small Scale Industries and Khadi, Village Industries and Coir are covered by the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries. Sub-Sectors like handlooms, powerlooms handicrafts, sericulture, and wool development come under the purview of Ministry of Textiles; Food Processing Industries are looked after by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

3. Programmes and schemes prepared by the implementing Ministries/Departments, Five Year Plans and Annual Plan for Central and State sectors pertaining to VSI are examined and approved by the Planning Commission. Review of the existing schemes and zero-based budgeting exercise are carried out with a view to merging or weeding out of the schemes, those have achieved their targets or less effective in the present scenario. Comments on drafts, policies, cabinet/EFC notes, etc., are also prepared out in the Division.