

The Roll of Small Scale Industries for Development of Rural India with Special Reference to Raigad District

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Abstract: *Small-scale industrial sector contributes to the increase of industrial productivity and rise of national exports, generating more employment opportunities. This sector also contributes very impressively to the GDP. In view of this, the government of India has rightly recognized SSIs as the engine of growth for the present millennium. For sustainable growth of the small-scale industrial sector, top priority should be given to financial support to SSIs. State and Central Governments should facilitate the growth of SSIs mainly by creating conducive environment for production and marketing of products and services of small-scale sectors. By their less capital-intensive and high-labour absorption nature, SSIs have made significant contributions to employment generation and also to rural industrialization. This sector is ideally suited to build on the strength of our traditional skills and knowledge by infusion of technologies, capital and innovative marketing practices. Small-scale sector has emerged as a dynamic and vibrant sector of Indian economy due to the new reforms*

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