

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the last 3 years, no training/skill upgradation program was organized in Himachal Pradesh. However during December, 2005 total 13 artisans were trained in Chamba Rumal and in the year 2006 total 7 artisans were trained in Chamba Chapal.

(c) the number of NIFT centres functioning in the country at present location-wise:-

Sl. No.	State	Location
1.	Delhi	Delhi
2.	Maharashtra	Mumbai
3.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
4.	West Bengal	Kolkata
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
6.	Gujarat	Gandhinagar
7.	Karnataka	Bangalore
8.	Uttar Pradesh	Rae Bareli
9.	Kerala	Kannur
10.	Bihar	Patna
11.	Meghalaya	Shillong
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
13.	Himachal Pradesh	Kangra

(d) and (e) The Board of Governors of NIFT in its 9th Meeting held on 12th April, 2010 has approved setting up of two New NIFT Centres at Bhubneshwar (Orissa) and Jodhpur (Rajasthan) from the Academic year 2010-2011.

#### Share of handloom sector in GDP

4457. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the share of the handloom sector in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), in comparison with its share in employment (organized and unorganized) and the trends thereof over the past two decades, commencing fiscal 1990-91;

(b) the trends in employment in the cotton, silk and polyester handloom sectors respectively during the last three years; and

(c) the special measures being taken or proposed to be taken to promote employment and self-employment in the sector as well as boost the share of handlooms in overall GDP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The percentage share of textile sector including handloom sector in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is on an average 2.0% at 1999-00 prices. The employment in the handloom sector as per 1995-96 census is 65,50,126 which is approximately 1.65% of the employment in organized and unorganized sector. The present status of employment in the handloom sector shall be known after completion of ongoing census which is likely to be completed by the end of 2010. The fibre-wise employment detail in handloom sector is not available.

(c) The Government of India is implementing number of Schemes to enhance production, productivity and efficiency of the handloom sector and enhance the income and socio-economic status of the handloom weavers by upgrading their skill and providing infrastructural input and marketing support. During the 11th Five Year Plan, the following schemes are being implemented for upliftment of handloom sector:-

- (i) Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme;
- (ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme;
- (iii) Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme;
- (iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme; and
- (v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

#### **Closed mills under NTC**

4458. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of closed mills under the control of National Textiles Corporation (NTC), particularly in Chennai, Mumbai and Ahmedabad as on 31 March, 2009;

(b) how many closed mills have been sold by the NTC during the last three years and cost recovered, mill-wise; and

(c) the total number of textile mill workers unemployed due to closer of NTC textile mills in Chennai, Mumbai and Ahmedabad?