

(b) The projects are delayed due to various reasons including increase in prices of construction materials, delay in land acquisition, utility shifting, obtaining clearances from forest/environment, poor performance of some contractors and law and order problems in some states.

(c) In order to expedite the process of four laning, progress of projects is closely monitored and concerned efforts are being made to expedite land acquisition, shifting of utilities, granting interest bearing advances to contractors, etc. In order to expedite implementation of projects regional offices have been set up by NHAI headed by Chief General Managers. Powers have been delegated to the Chief General Managers who will monitor land acquisition matters as well as implementation of projects. Special land acquisition units are also set up to expedite land acquisition. State Governments have been requested to appoint Chief Secretaries of State as Nodal officers for NHDP projects. Projects are also closely and periodically reviewed at HQ as well as field units.

Revival of Parvathy Mills in Kerala

1503. SHRI K. E. ISMAIL:

SHRI M. P. ACHUTHAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala State Government had discussed the matter of revival of Parvathy Mills at Kollam in Kerala by National Textile Corporation; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Three meetings were held between NTC management and the mills labour unions on 1.11.2008, 24.11.2008 and 7.11.2009 under the aegis of Minister of Labour, Government of Kerala on the issue of running of Parvathy Mills after modernization. As per the revival scheme of National Textile Corporation (NTC) approved by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), Parvathy Mills is slated for revival through joint venture route with private partnership where 51% equity will be with NTC. However, no final decision has been taken in the matter.

Employment to weavers in Orissa

†1504. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of weavers in Orissa;

(b) whether all weavers get employment daily;

(c) if not, the measures contemplated by Government to overcome this problem; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.