

subvention on export credit. Government also providing 90% grant to the Handmade carpets being cottage based rural industry under Focus Product for organizing India Carpet Expo organized by Carpet export Promotion Council where the small and medium scale Manufacturers and Exporters are provided space on subsidized rates for displaying and marketing their products. The carpet belt of Mirzapur—Bhadohi have been selected for implementation of Mega Cluster Scheme for providing backward and forward linkages to the sector.

Tripartite Committee on jute

1510. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the recommendations made in the Tripartite Committee on Jute to enable a smooth run in the troubled industry relate to this Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The majority of the recommendations made in the Tripartite Committee on Jute pertain to the Government of West Bengal and Ministry of Labour and Employment. The recommendations concerning Ministry of Textiles relate to skill development and analysis of wage structure in the context of costing of various items of expenditure and profitability of jute mills.

The Ministry is already implementing training programmes and schemes, which subsumes what have been recommended by the Tripartite Committee. Regarding analysis of wage structure, the calculation of price of B-Twill jute bags is through a dynamic formula, which takes into account the escalation of prices of almost all the inputs. The prices of B-Twill jute bags are revised every month, based on the prevailing input prices, wage structure, etc. The Government is paying comparable, or even better, market prices to the jute industry.

Welfare measures for handloom weavers

1511. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any public representation from handloom co-operative association of Assam for special intervention for boosting and promotion of Eri and Muga silk which is only available in North East India;

(b) if so, the details of action taken thereon;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;