

Declining employment of spinners and weavers

430. SHRIMATI N.P DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employment of spinners and weavers of Khadi declined considerably since 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of spinners and weavers of Khadi in Andhra Pradesh since 1996, year-wise and district-wise;

(d) the percentage of decline of spinners and weavers of Khadi in the State since 1996, year-wise;

(e) the measures being taken to improve the employment opportunities there; and

(f) the assistance given to those weavers of Andhra Pradesh in terms of finance and in terms of providing charkhas and looms to them since 1996?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The employment of spinners and weavers of khadi, which declined during the period 1996-97 to 2004-05, has shown improvement since then. Spinning and weaving of khadi and further production processes are carried out by khadi institutions which are autonomous bodies, generally registered as societies and supported by the Central and State Governments through statutory organisations like the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and the State/ Union Territory Khadi and Village Industries Boards (KVIBs) concerned. Paucity of funds with the khadi institutions for replacing outdated charkhas and looms inadequate attention to production and sales planning, particularly product quality and marketability, weak working capital position of these institutions due to high unsold stocks and nonpayment of rebate in time, etc., are some of the reasons for the decline of employment in the khadi sector.

(c) The year-wise and district-wise details of spinners and weavers of khadi in Andhra Pradesh from 1996-97 to 2004-05 are given in the enclosed statement (*See below*).

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(d) The year-wise percentage of variation of the number of spinners and weavers of khadi in Andhra Pradesh since 1996-97 are given below:

Year	Number of Spinners and Weavers	Percentage of decline/increase
1996-97	23685	
1997-98	22747	(-)4
1998-99	20469	(-)11
1999-00	20923	(+)2
2000-01	23601	(+)12
2001-02	15038	(-)42
2002-03	15936	(+)6
2003-04	13081	(-)18
2004-05	10747	(-)18
2005-06	11344	(+)6

(e) To promote the production and sale of khadi in the country, including Andhra Pradesh, and thereby generate additional employment opportunities for spinners and weavers, the following steps have been taken:

- (i) Credit at the concessional rate of interest of 4 per cent per annum is provided by banks as per the assessed requirement of the institutions registered with the KVIC/State KVIBs under the Interest Subsidy Eligibility Certificate (ISEC) Scheme.
- (ii) Higher provision of funds for payment of rebate on sales of khadi.
- (iii) Assistance for improved design and packaging of khadi and khadi products under the Project Development, Design Intervention and Packaging (PRODIP) Scheme implemented by the KVIC since 2002-03.
- (iv) Assisting under Rural Industries Service Centres (RISC) Scheme (started in 2004-05) for setting up common facility centres to

provide common infrastructural support and services to khadi institutions.

- (v) Assistance to khadi institutions to participate in exhibitions at the national and sub-national levels, etc., for improving marketing of khadi products.

Besides, the Government has launched the 'Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries' (SFURTI), for implementation in 25 khadi clusters for their holistic development including improvement in the employment prospects of the khadi spinners and weavers.

(f) No separate assistance to weavers of Andhra Pradesh in terms of *charkhas* and looms have been provided since 1996. However, the year-wise details of funds provided by the KVIC for the khadi sector in Andhra Pradesh since 1996-97 are given below:

(Rs. lakh)

Year	Budgetary Support (KVIC)	Consortium Bank Credit (Khadi)	Total
1995-96	684.69	1298.13	1982.82
1996-97	657.11	94.98	752.09
1997-98	237.31	-	237.31
1998-99	295.11	-	295.11
1999-00	676.82	-	676.82
2000-01	237.65	-	237.65
2001-02	176.78	-	176.78
2002-03	204.11	-	204.11
2003-04	166.11	-	166.11
2004-05	162.07	-	162.07
2005-06	141.67	-	141.67
TOTAL	3639.43	1393.11	5032.54

Statement

Year-wise and district-wise details of spinners and weavers of khadi in Andhra Pradesh from 1996-97 to 2004-05

SI	Name of the	1996-1997			1997-1998			1998-1999		
No.	District	Spinners	Weavers	Total	Spinners	Weavers	Total	Spinners	Weavers	Total
1	Adilabad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Ananthapur	424	1112	1536	560	1236	1796	513	1117	1630
3	Chittoor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Cuddapah	340	543	883	340	604	944	449	407	856
5	East Godavari	2111	933	3044	2456	989	3445	2980	1370	4350
6	Guntur	1411	1594	3005	913	2294	3207	1505	1362	2867
7	Hyderabad/ Rangareddy	518	544	1062	375	748	1123	346	691	1037
8	Karimnagar	2468	3384	5852	2227	4204	6431	2287	3513	5800
9	Khammam	81	65	146	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Krishna	208	131	339	207	156	363	192	143	335
11	Kurnool	288	2454	2742	1598	1330	2928	1803	830	2633
12	Mahaboob- nagar	281	117	398	295	131	426	301	83	384
13	Medak	440	1142	1582	754	1721	2475	507	936	1443
14	Nalgonda	85	81	166	75	103	178	78	84	162
15	Nellore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Nizamabad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Prakasham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Warangal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	West Godavari	1239	743	1982	1266	957	2223	1778	1125	2903
20	Srikakulam	7068	693	7761	5956	732	6688	6184	792	6976
21	Visakhapatnam	1162	259	1421	891	293	1184	198	331	529
22	Vizianagaram	68	13	81	74	15	89	79	16	95
TOTAL		18192	13808	32000	17987	15513	33500	19200	12800	32000

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SI. No.	Name of the District	1999-2000			2000-2001			2001-2002		
		Spinners	Weavers	Total	Spinners	Weavers	Total	Spinners	Weavers	Total
1	Adilabad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Ananthapur	833	1145	1978	583	801	1384	783	1075	1858
3	Chittoor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Cuddapah	296	268	564	207	188	395	280	251	531
5	East Godavari	653	360	1013	1291	262	1553	2519	736	3255
6	Guntur	991	896	1887	694	627	1321	930	842	1772
7	Hyderabad/ Rangareddy	228	455	683	162	174	336	350	155	505
8	Karimnagar	1422	2369	3791	1708	1325	3033	2067	1529	3596
9	Khammam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Krishna	126	95	221	89	65	154	119	88	207
11	Kurnool	1186	546	1732	830	382	1212	1117	531	1648
12	Mahaboobnagar	198	55	253	139	37	176	185	52	237
13	Medak	1067	2590	3657	1356	4816	6172	0	0	0
14	Nalgonda	51	57	108	36	39	75	47	53	100
15	Nellore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Nizamabad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Prakasham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Warangal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	West Godavari	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Srikakulam	7611	728	8339	6674	535	7209	8115	509	8624
21	Visakhapatnam	68	205	273	422	167	589	462	205	667
22	Vizianagaram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		14730	9770	24500	14191	9418	23609	16974	6026	23000

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SI. No	Name of the District	2002-2003			2003-2004			2004-2005		
		Spinners	Weavers	Total	Spinners	Weavers	Total	Spinners	Weavers	Total
1	Adilabad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Ananthapur	800	1098	1898	840	1154	1994	908	1246	2154
3	Chittoor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Cuddapah	284	258	542	299	291	590	324	291	615
5	East Godavari	2082	607	2689	803	301	1104	1636	390	2026
6	Guntur	952	861	1813	1000	903	1903	1080	960	2040
7	Hyderabad/ Rangareddy	207	410	617	218	430	648	281	203	484
8	Karim nagar	2361	1557	3918	2475	1352	3827	2923	1205	4128
9	Khammam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Krishna	121	91	212	128	98	226	139	103	242
11	Kurnool	1141	512	1653	1198	549	1747	1294	580	1874
12	Mahaboobnagar	190	52	242	200	55	255	217	59	277
13	Medak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Nalgonda	48	55	103	52	57	109	57	62	119
15	Nellore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Nizamabad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Prakasham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Warangal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	West Godavari	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Srikakulam	7216	518	7734	8550	588	9138	6515	952	7467
21	Visakhapatnam	436	143	579	275	184	459	480	247	727
22	Vizianagaram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		15838	6162	22000	16038	5962	22000	1585		