

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 Paucity of funds with the khadi institutions for replacing outdated charkhas and looms inadequate attention to production and sales planning, particularly product quality and marketability, weak working capital position of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 non-payment 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).

(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

| Sl. No. | Name of the District | 1996-1997 | | | 1997-1998 | | | 1998-1999 | | |
|---------|-----------------------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | | 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 | Srikulam | 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 |

| Sl. 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 | Mahabubnagar | 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 | Srikulam | 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 |

| Sl. 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 | Karimnagar | 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 | Kurmool | 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 | Srikulam | 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 | | |