

(ii) MOU with leading international research institutes for conducting joint research projects (iii) creation of incubation centres for technology transfer and acceptability by the industry (iv) benchmarking R&D at both national/firm level (v) Encourage adoption of advance synthetic fibers and understand the applications of genetic engineering, bio-technology, and cellular biology in both natural and synthetic fibre-base.

Textile park at Bharuch

2724. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Textile Park involving a cost of rupees one crore is being set up for Bharuch district in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including sanction order number and date etc.;
- (c) the target date fixed for the completion of the park; and
- (d) the details of facilities to be provided in the proposed Textile Park?

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

(b) to (d) In view of 'a' above, not applicable.

Loan to owners of small textile industry

2725. SHRI KISHORE KUMAR MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to provide loan to owners of small textile industry at lower rate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is aware that public sector banks are not advancing loan to the owners of small textile industry easily as they apprehended that the loan cannot be recovered;
- (d) if so, whether Government would consider for giving a categorical target to the bank for advancing loan to textile industry; and
- (e) how many poor weavers of Orissa have been given loan by the Banks, specially of Baragarh district of Orissa?

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

(b) Under the Revival Reform and Restructuring Package for Handloom Sector, it is proposed to provide loan to Handloom Weavers at 7% rate of interest. A package in this regard has