

Deteriorating health of powerloom workers

†2479. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that health of powerloom industry workers in the country is deteriorating;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has proposed to give any relief package to workers earning their livelihood from powerloom industry for taking care of their health and upliftment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government has not received any representation in this regard.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Decrease in export of clothes and cotton

2480. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has been estimated that production of cotton thread and cotton clothes will be lower by approximately ten per cent in the country during the current financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there has been decrease in the export of clothes and thread due to higher prices of cotton in the country this year; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Production of cotton yarn and cotton cloth in the current financial year (April-September) has risen by 9.1% and 2.9% respectively compared to the corresponding period of 2009-10.

(c) and (d) The value-wise exports of Cotton Yarn (including thread) during 2010-11 (April-July) has risen by 69.60% over 2009-10 (April-July). The export of apparel/garments is showing a decline of 6.97% during 2010-11 (April-July) over 2009-10 (April-July). Government has put in place the following measures for ensuring cotton security in 2010-11:—

- (i) exportable surplus of 55 lakh bales identified.

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