

### **PIO and appellate authority in EPC**

3251. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the different types of public authorities under the Ministry of Textiles;
- (b) how many Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) are under the Ministry of Textiles;
- (c) whether these EPCs follow the RTI norms under RTI Act, 2005;
- (d) if so, the details of principal information officer (PIO) and appellate authority of each EPC;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) how does the Ministry provide information under RTI Act, 2005 regarding the functioning and other issues related to these EPCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. All the Directors/Dy. Secretaries working in the Ministry of Textiles are designated as CPIOs for the work allotted to them. Similarly, the Joint Secretaries are designated as Appellate Authorities for the work allotted to them.

(b) There are ten (10) Export Promotion councils in the Textile Sector *viz.* Apparel Export Promotion Council, Synthetic and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council, The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council, The Handloom Export Promotion Council, Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, Wool and Woollen Export Promotion Council, Wool Industry Export Promotion Organisation, Powerloom Development and Export Promotion Council and Carpet Export Promotion Council.

(c) to (f) The Export Promotion Councils have been providing information in respect of applications received by them under the RTI Act, 2005. However, one of the Textiles EPCs has contested the applicability of RTI Act in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, and the matter is *sub-judice*.

### **Need to prevent impending crisis in handloom industry**

3252. SHRI SHYAM BENEGAL:

SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Budgetary allocation to Handloom sector have come down from 27.5 per cent to 6.6 per cent in the last 12 years (1997-98 to 2010-2011);
- (b) whether yarn prices have gone up 38 per cent in the last 20 months from Rs. 109.12 per kg. to Rs. 150.6 per kg. 734 (January, 2009 to August, 2010); if so, the reasons therefor; and