

Deaths of Cotton Farmers in Andhra Pradesh

908. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the death of eight farmers in Bijinepalli Mandal, Nagar Kurnool, of Mahaboobnagar, district, A.P., within two months recently has come to the notice of the Ministry;

(b) whether it has also come to the notice of the Ministry that loss of cotton crop is nearly 5.5 lakh hectares in Mahaboobnagar district of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and how the Ministry is planning to help the cotton farmers in this district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported that there have been three cotton farmer suicide deaths in the Bijnepally Mandal of Nagarkurnool division in Mahabubnagar District.

(b) The normal area under cotton in Mahabubnagar District is 96,948 ha and during 2011-12, 1,81,939 ha was covered under cotton and it was reported that 1,57,667 ha of cotton crop (i.e., 86.6% of sown area) was damaged in the district due to drought conditions.

(c) Under MM-II Technology Mission on Cotton 2011-12, assistance is provided to the farmers of Mahabubnagar District which included organizing of Farmers Field Schools, distribution of Bio-agent/Bio-pesticides and installation of Drip Irrigation Systems. In addition to this, Government also announced the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for raw cotton based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

Assistance to States for Development and Upliftment of Handicrafts

909. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government provides financial assistance for development and upliftment of handicrafts in the country;

(b) if so, the details in the regard;

(c) the State-wise details of assistance provided during 2010-11 and 2011-12 under each of such schemes;

(d) the criteria adopted by Government for such assistance;

(e) the details of the amount utilized so far by various States;

- (f) the reasons for non-utilization of assistance by some of the States;
- (g) the States who have not settled the accounts for the last three years; and
- (h) the action taken against such States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has been implementing following six generic schemes for the development and upliftment of handicrafts in the country :

- (i) Baba Saheb Admbedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY for integrated development of the Handicrafts cluster).
- (ii) Design & Technology Up-gradation Scheme.
- (iii) Marketing Support Services Scheme.
- (iv) Research & Development Scheme.
- (v) Human Resource Development Scheme.
- (vi) Handicraft Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.

(c) to (e) The scheme of the Government for promotion and Development of Handicrafts does not envisages any assistance to the State Government directly. However, Schemes are implemented through different eligible agencies *i.e.* State handicrafts Corporations, Apex bodies, Non-Governmental Organizations, etc. Such assistance are provided to eligible agencies as per prescribed guidelines for each scheme. The consolidated details of assistance provided to these agencies state wise during 2010-11 and 2011-12 under the above mentioned schemes is given in Statement I and II (*See below*).

(f) to (h) Do not arise.

Statement I

Statewise, Schemewise fund released under Handicrafts scheme during 2010-11 for different eligible agencies

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	State	AHVY	R&D	Design	HRD	Marketing	Welfare	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	125.58	5.11	19.9	36.50	246.87		433.96
2.	A and N Island		0	0	9.40	0		9.4
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	21.38	0	4.95	5.00	0		31.33

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4.	Assam	313.54	24.57	172.27	213.89	794.28		1346.28
5.	Bihar	64.04	2.35	13.62	61.68	81.97		223.66
6.	Chandigarh	54	0	0	0	4.79		58.79
7.	Chhattisgarh	31.9	2.47	0.9	38.97	16.52		90.76
8.	Delhi	90.6	406.77	45	1120.09	1323.1		2985.56
9.	Goa	37.67	0	0	0	50.39		88.06
10.	Gujarat	349.99	1.80	15.27	26.70	130.78		524.54
11.	Haryana	23.99	0	9.5	69.67	48.82		151.98
12.	Himachal Pradesh	54.18	0	7.70	8.32	72.49		142.69
13.	Jharkhand	77.32	0	5.4	6.61	51.24		140.57
14.	Jammu and Kashmir	263.73	4.23	29.8	114.26	41.49		453.51
15.	Karnataka	68.51	0	4.8	35.5	99.58		208.39
16.	Kerala	52.22	2.21	9.9	43.56	22.56		130.45
17.	Madhya Pradesh	430.27	0	52.77	152.04	165.35		800.43
18.	Maharashtra	92.37	0	20	89.42	83.49		285.25
19.	Manipur	453.83	10.00	122.21	65.57	241.35		892.96
20.	Meghalaya	2.25	0	0.9	13.48	6.75		23.38
21.	Mizoram	6.22	0	0.9	0	1.15		8.27
22.	Nagaland	125.38	7.50	12.13	24.11	13.26		182.38
23.	Orissa	284.4	6.5	26.15	57.96	213.56		588.57
24.	Punjab	77.66	0	24.35	101.42	43.23		246.66
25.	Pondicherry		0	0	7.75	14.00		21.76
26.	Rajasthan	135.66	0	21.9	85.35	180.9		423.81
27.	Sikkim	7.22	0	0	9.62	16.71		33.55
28.	Tamil Nadu	96.56	75.71	7.1	28.16	257.93		465.46
29.	Tripura	82.39	0	17.19	24.54	0		124.12
30.	Uttar Pradesh	969.32	53.59	555.92	228.43	620.63		2427.89
31.	Uttaranchal	149.16	0	11.3	8.13	22.37		190.96

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
32.	West Bengal	56.37	0	21.07	55.96	169.12		302.52
TOTAL		4597.68	602.81	1040.73	2742.10	5034.68	2686.00	16704.00

Note : In welfare scheme funds released country as a whole not state wise.

Statement II

State-wise, scheme-wise funds released under handicrafts schemes during 2011-12 up to 15th March, 2012 for different eligible agencies

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	State	AHVV	Design	MSS	HRD	R&D	Welfare	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	200.82	17.04	39.46	55.99			313.31
2.	A and N Island				6.36			6.36
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	76.81	15.40		28.68			120.89
4.	Assam	435.75	146.88	335.08	76.01	25.92		1019.64
5.	Bihar	36.03	18.25	17.88	37.94			110.1
6.	Chandigarh	0.75						0.75
7.	Chhattisgarh	12.81	2.70	17.57	4.19			37.27
8.	Delhi	100.52	143.03	1296.76	148.51	318.56		2007.38
9.	Daman and Diu	13.55						13.55
10.	Goa	6.32	2.70	39.87	5.82			54.71
11.	Gujarat	487.00	45.65	17.44	27.16			577.25
12.	Haryana	263.46	12.20	32.86	15.33			323.85
13.	Himachal Pradesh	22.61	35.88	25.55	7.07			91.11
14.	Jharkhand	153.32	9.65	8.91	7.12			179
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	277.92	24.89	50.95	60.16			413.92
16.	Karnataka	46.20	7.35	10.32	32.28	7.35		96.15
17.	Kerala	109.90	10.80	-	47.13			167.83
18.	Madhya Pradesh	139.93	89.17	41.26	65.14			335.5
19.	Maharashtra	101.22	43.97	46.25	35.99			227.43

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
20.	Manipur	502.11	94.06	90.51	51.66			738.34
21.	Meghalaya	111.36	5.90	13.50	17.59			148.35
22.	Mizoram	74.63	7.70		10.30			92.63
23.	Nagaland	118.04	4.37	22.05	26.50			170.96
24.	Orissa	110.74	44.57	26.26	71.10	15.05		267.72
25.	Punjab	116.67	24.75	15.79	49.85			207.06
26.	Pondicherry	2.00		4.59	18.72			25.31
27.	Rajasthan	120.37	14.40	43.60	59.47	22.66		237.84
28.	Sikkim	49.03	21.80	7.76	14.97			93.56
29.	Tamil Nadu	67.13	11.10	39.29	98.42	3.51		219.45
30.	Tripura	60.50	23.36	18.17	68.59			170.62
31.	Uttar Pradesh	902.95	752.88	140.07	381.59	7.84		2185.33
32.	Uttaranchal	79.65	16.20	4.50	38.07			138.42
33.	West Bengal	110.84	8.79	35.63	41.46			196.72
TOTAL		4910.94	1655.44	2441.88	1609.17	400.89	17.26	11035.58

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Boost to Export Sector in Textiles Sector

910. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India's export sector in clothes and textiles needs a boost compared to China's export which is \$185 billion constituting 30.3 per cent of global value against India's \$21 billion which is 3.5 per cent of global exports in 2008;

(b) India's ports being not well equipped, the garments and apparel take unduly long time to reach the industrialized nations where they are to be retailed, what steps are under contemplation to do away with the system of travel from feeder ships to larger vessels at major ports to avoid delays; and

(c) what initiatives have been taken by Government to attract FDI in this direction since 2008?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that India's export of Textiles &