

Re-employment of textile workers to prevent suicide attempt

2748. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of the restructuring package given for the Textile Industries and modernization and skill upgradation package, many Textile Industries in Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh are closed and therefore workers are unemployed;

(b) whether it is a fact that many textile workers of OTM OCL Choudwar, Odisha have committed suicide; and

(c) what steps Government is taking for the re-employment of textile workers to prevent suicide attempt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) No reports of unemployment/suicides of textiles workers are available with Government. Given the stress levels in Textiles industry, Government has issued directions to Banks for restructuring of textiles industry loans on a case by case basis in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India's prudential guidelines on re-structuring of advances by banks. The restructuring exercise is to be completed in 90 days after the applications are submitted in the prescribed formats to Banks. The debt restructuring package covers around 307 Textiles Mills in private sector and around 200 readymade garments (RMG) factories in SME sector. The debt restructuring exercise will help boost textiles industry's growth in the country and provide re-employment to textile workers.

Steps taken to popularise use of cotton garments

2749. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shortage of yarn supply/production is due to lack of comprehensive raw material security policy by the Union Government and insufficient supply of cotton from the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to enhance the production of cotton;