

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The reasons for job losses in textiles sector are closure of textiles mills.
- (d) Ministry of Textiles implements the Textiles Workers Rehabilitation Funds Scheme (TWRFS) for textiles workers who have lost their jobs due to closure of textiles mills.
- (e) The TWRFS scheme has benefitted 12002 workers in 2007-08, 8408 workers in 2008-09, 6658 workers in 2009-10, 2854 workers in 2010-11, 1279 workers in 2011-12 and 520 workers in 2012-13 (April-January, 2013).
- (f) Does not arise. The TWRFS scheme continues to be implemented in the Twelfth Plan period.

Export of Sualkuchi silk products in Assam

1062. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the turnover of the Indian silk industry including Assam;
- (b) the annual export of Silk products of Sualkuchi in Assam and surrounding areas;
- (c) whether a branch of Indian Silk Export Promotion Council is yet to be established in Assam even though there is a huge potential for export; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) The turnover of Indian Silk Industry including Assam is estimated to be around Rs. 18000 crore in 2011-12.

(b) It is estimated that annual export of Eri and Muga Silk (mainly produced in Assam) is around Rs. 1 crore.

(c) and (d) The Indian Silk Export Promotion Council is a body of exporters, rendering service to its members. At present, the number of members from Assam has not been found sufficient by the Council to justify opening of separate a branch office in Assam.