(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.


(f) Does not arise. The TWRFS scheme continues to be implemented in the Twelfth Plan period.

**Export of Suwalki 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 Suwalki 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.