

I Existing Schemes:

- (i) Post matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes
- (ii) Pre-matric Scholarship for children of those engaged in 'unclean' occupations
- (iii) Babu Jajivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana
- (iv) Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP)
- (v) Upgradation of Merit of SC students
- (vi) Support to State Scheduled Castes Development Corporations
- (vii) Scheme of Implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989
- (viii) Assistance to Voluntary Organisations working for Welfare of SCs

II New Schemes:

- (i) Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs.
- (ii) Scheme for most vulnerable SC Communities.
- (c) The Working Group submitted its Report to the Planning Commission for further action in October, 2011. The Planning Commission has, subsequently finalized the Twelfth Plan Document after soliciting first the approval of the Central Government and thereafter of the National Development Council in its meeting held on 27th December, 2012.

Reluctance of CCI to purchase cotton in Andhra Pradesh

436. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:

SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) how much cotton produced in Andhra Pradesh this season;
- (b) how much Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has purchased cotton from farmers so far;
- (c) whether it is a fact that CCI's reluctance to purchase cotton, middlemen are purchasing cotton from farmers at much less than the MSP; and

- (d) if so, how this Ministry is coming to the rescue of farmers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) The Cotton Advisory Board in its meeting dated January 23, 2013 has estimated cotton production in Andhra Pradesh for the Cotton Season 2012-13 at 72 lakh bales.

(b) Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has procured 21.25 lakh bales of seed kapas from farmers as on February 19, 2013, in Andhra Pradesh against arrivals of 46.49 lac bales.

(c) and (d) The Cotton Corporation of India is mandated to conduct MSP operations with procurement of seed kapas from farmers. The responsibility of farmer identification vests with the State Government and APMCs. Ministry of Textiles has authorized CCI to procure 19 lac bales of seed kapas in Andhra Pradesh under MSP operations to avoid farmer distress and stabilize prices. Till date CCI has procured 46% of arrivals and has effectively stabilized prices.

Performance of textile sector

437. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of Indian Textile Sector has gone down considerably in the sphere of production, exports and employment generation during last two decades;

(b) if not, the details of progress made in the above three spheres during the above period;

(c) if so, the factors responsible for this decline; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the performance of Textile Sector?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) The performance of the Indian Textile Sector has improved considerably during last two decades. The production of Spun-yarn, Man-made fibre and filament yarn increased from 2443 Mn Kg. in 1991-92 to 7069 Mn Kg. in 2011-12, whereas total cloth production increased from 22978 Mn Sq mtr to 60453 Mn Sq mtr in the same period. Similarly, total export of textile products increase from 12041 crore in 1991-92 to 165515 crore in 2011-12. The Employment in textile industry increased from 94,30,000 in 1991-92 to 1,10,20,000 in 2011-12.