

1	2	3	4	5
9.	Smt. Vandana Pathak, Jabalpur (M.P.)	Complaint regarding Shyam Shah Medical College, Rewa, M.P.	Referred to MCI on 8.05.2014	
10.	Dr. Firoz Khan, Nai Sadak, New Delhi	Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospital, Sitapur, U.P.	Referred to MCI on 27.05.2013	

#### Free charkha and shawl for weavers in khadi sector

†\*494. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA : Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to provide charkha and shawl free of cost to the thread makers and weavers engaged in khadi sector, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA): (a) and (b) There is no scheme to provide charkha and shawl free of cost to the thread makers and weavers engaged in khadi sector.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has already been implementing a number of schemes, which have the provision for replacement of obsolete equipments including charka. The schemes are:

- (i) Khadi Reform and Development Programme (KRDP) to revitalize the khadi sector with enhanced sustainability of khadi, increased incomes and employment for spinners and weavers, increased artisans' welfare and achieve synergy with village industries. This programme is also having the provision for replacement of old charka under Capacity and Equipment component with new modern charkas.
- (ii) Scheme for Enhancing Productivity and Competitiveness of Khadi Industry and Artisans under which assistance for replacement of charka, product development, design intervention and packaging etc. is provided.
- (iii) Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) under which assistance for replacement of obsolete equipments, setting up common facilities centres, product development, market promotion and other support are provided in clusters.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.