

(c) what help Government proposes to provide to handloom weavers of Uttar Pradesh and also promotes skill development amongst the workers of Lucknow and areas around the city so that they earn better livelihood; and

(d) what targets have been fixed by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDDY): (a) and (b) With a view to address the trained manpower needs of the textile and related segments, the Ministry of Textiles has introduced Integrated Skilled Development Scheme (ISDS) during Twelfth Plan to train 15 lakh persons. The Scheme is being implemented through following three components:

- (i) Through Institutions/Textile Research Associations under Ministry of Textiles - 5 lakh
- (ii) Through private bodies in Public Private Partnership - 5 lakh
- (iii) Through State Government Agencies - 5 lakh

A total of ₹ 392 crore has been released so far under ISDS for undertaking training in all sectors in textile value chain including weaving and embroidery.

(c) and (d) During the last three years and the current year, a sum of ₹ 48.14 crore has been released to Uttar Pradesh State under the Comprehensive Handloom Development Scheme. Under the Revival, Reform and Restructuring Package, total claims of ₹ 1.09 crore have been released by NABARD to Uttar Pradesh State. Claims of ₹ 18.46 crore were settled under the Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme. Yarn worth ₹ 374.42 crore was supplied under the Yarn Supply Scheme.

#### **Central schemes in Odisha**

1355. SHRI KALPATARU DAS: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state the names of the plan schemes and CSP under implementation in the Ministry along with its scope/guidelines and the funds sanctioned for the State of Odisha in those schemes for the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDDY): The Ministry has

undertaken skill development efforts under NSDC funded projects which have centres in the State of Odisha.

The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) runs the following schemes that could be leveraged by the masses and trainers in Odisha:

- (i) **NSDC funding for Training Partners** - NSDC provides 'Skill loans' @ 6% interest against 75% of the project cost for private players and 85% for NGOs based on the annual targets shared by the proposed training partners who would skill at least 50,000 people in 10 years. NSDC provides skill development funding either as loans or equity.

It has funded over 15 Training Partners in Odisha with focus/operations in Odisha.

The total funds disbursed to training providers in Odisha from 2012-13 to 2014-15 amount to INR 94,90,95,119.

- (ii) **STAR Scheme** - The National Skill Certification and Monetary Reward Scheme (also known as STAR Scheme) was launched in August 16, 2013 as a pilot and subsequently rolled out from September 16, 2013. The objective of this Scheme is to encourage skill development for youth by providing monetary rewards for successful completion of approved training programmes.

The Scheme specifically aims to encourage standardization in the certification process, increase productivity of the existing workforce, provide Monetary Awards for Skill Certification, and reward candidates undergoing skill training by authorized institutions at an average monetary reward of ₹ 10,000 (Rupees Ten Thousand) per candidate. It is meant to benefit 10 lakh youth at an approximate total cost of ₹ 1,000 crores.

#### **Annual income limit for non-creamy layer**

†1356. SHRI RAMNARAIN DUDI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the current annual income limit of non-creamy layer in OBC reservation;
- (b) the parameters and the year when the said annual income limit of non-creamy layer was fixed;
- (c) whether Government proposes to hike the annual income limit of non-creamy layer in OBC reservation; and

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