

Textile Parks

3143. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to establish more Textile Parks in different States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise and the funds allocated in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the further action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP), proposal has been invited to set up more textile parks as per guidelines. ₹1900 Cr. has been provided in the XII Plan for setting up new park and meeting committed liabilities. As SITP is a demand driven Scheme being implemented in Public Private Partnership mode (PPP) by Industry Associations/Groups of Entrepreneurs by forming Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), no State-wise allocation of funds has been made. All the States are being pursued for availing assistance under the scheme and setting up textile park in their State.

Employment opportunities in textile sector

3144. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that textile sector is generating employment opportunities next to agriculture sector of the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the efforts taken/being taken by Government for overall turnaround of textile sector to compete with developed nations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Textile sector is one of the major sectors providing employment. 43.31 lakh handloom weavers and allied workers are employed in handloom sector as per last Handloom Census (2010). Generation of employment at 121.20 million has been projected by 2017 (end of the 12th Five Year Plan).

- (b) To enable the textile sector to face global competition and overall turnaround, Government has launched several initiatives namely Technology Upgradation Fund