

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New textile policy

1918. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the new Textile Policy;
- (b) whether certain benefits are proposed to be extended to certain units to upgrade their system to help them out under this policy, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which this will help to create new jobs and enrich their financial status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Textiles had constituted an Expert Committee headed by Shri Ajay Shankar, Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council for reviewing/revamping the Textile Policy 2000. The Expert Committee has since submitted a draft Vision, Strategy and Action Plan based on which formulation of a New National Textile Policy 2015 is under process.

Encouraging the handloom weaving sector

1919. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that textile sector is the second largest employment provider after agriculture;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry to encourage the handloom weaving sector which is in a very bad shape; and
- (c) whether the Ministry is coming up with special packages for women workers of the handloom weaving industry, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) Yes Sir.

- (b) To encourage the handloom weaving sector and for its sustainable