

- (c) the details of sales and profit derived there from;
- (d) whether Urban Haats have been successful in achieving their objective, if so, the details there of, if not, the reasons there for and the steps being undertaken therefor; and
- (e) the other steps being taken to revive, promote and develop handloom and handicraft sector in the country along the details thereof?

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 in due course.

Funds to boost textile sector

1597. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the representatives of FICCI have met the Government representatives asking for funds to boost the textile sector in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the current status of this sector; and
- (c) how far will this help to boost this sector to generate employment, especially in the rural sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes Sir. The Ministry had received a proposal from FICCI to organize an event namely VASTRA – 2016, which was also supported by Government of Rajasthan. Ministry of Textiles recommended this proposal to the Dept. of Commerce, after which funds to the tune of ₹ 1.00 cr. Have been approved for this event for the year 2016-17 under market Access Initiative (MAI) assistance.

- (b) The current status of textile sector in terms of no. of mills, installed capacity, production and exports is given below:

Category	Items	Unit	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (Apr.- Sep.) Prov
	No. of Cotton/ Man-Made Fibre textile Mills	No.	3474	3442	3481	3483
Installed	(i) Spindles	Mn.No	49.17	49.46	50.16	50.65
Capacity	(ii) Rotors	Thousand No.	795	814	834	842
	(iii) Looms (composite + powerlooms)	Lakh No.	24.14	24.34	25.42	25.64
Production	(i) Man made fibre	Mn. Kg	1263	1307	1344	650
	(ii) Spun yarn	Mn. Kg	4868	5309	5488	2850
	(iv) Man made filament yarn	Mn. Kg	1371	1293	1248	581
	(v) Fabrics	Mn.sq. mtr	62792	63500	65276	33081
Export #	Export of Textile Items	Mn.US \$	33049	37571	37659	8620**

**Export data for 2015-16 from April-August 2015.

#Source: DGCIS, Kolkata.

(c) In order to strengthen the textile industry in the country, Government has launched various policy initiatives and schemes like Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Schemes for the development of the Power-loom Sector, Schemes for Technical textiles Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), Integrated Skill Development Scheme, etc. which will help in creating employment/jobs all over the country including the rural areas.

Purchase of cotton from farmers by CCIL

1598. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a tussle between the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd.(CCIL) and farmers producing cotton regarding purchase of cotton, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any request has been received from State Governments to direct the