

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) The Director of Textiles, Government of Maharashtra has informed that no suicide of weavers in the State has been reported.

(b) The total allocation for Textiles Sector is ₹ 3350.00 crore, out of which an amount of ₹ 612.00 crore is allocated for Handloom Sector during the current financial year *i.e.* 2016-17.

(c) No such dues are pending from Government of India.

(d) Does not arise.

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1492. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved special package for Textiles and Apparel sector to attract investments and to generate exports, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the expected generation of job opportunities in the next three years; and

(c) to what extent the package would boost the sector along with the quantum of garment export estimated in the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) Yes Sir, Government has approved special package for Textiles and Apparel sector to attract investments and, to generate exports. The details of package are given in Statement. [*Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to USQ No.1488 Part (a) to (c)*]

(b) The expected impact of the special package on employment generation in next three years are:

- The new package is expected to boost up employment generation.
- More and more garment units will become compliant with respect to statutory dues and more jobs will be generated in formal sector.
- Pro labour reforms like optional EPF, increased overtime limits and fixed term employment will lead to more cash in hand with workers, provide opportunity to earn more and put fixed term workers at par with permanent workers in terms of working hours, wages, allowances and other statutory dues respectively.

(c) The special package will boost the textile and apparel sector by making larger manufacturing set-ups feasible thereby leading to economies of scale in the sector. It will also improve the attractiveness of garment manufacturing for new investments and exports. The current investment in the sector which is growing at 8% year on year is expected to grow substantially in next three years.

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1493. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked out a ₹ 6000 crore special package, with tax and production incentives, for the Textile and Apparel sector to enable domestic firms to compete globally, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the package aims to help in creating one crore jobs, mostly for women, in the next three years, if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard; and

(c) whether the package would strengthen the Indian Textile and Apparel sector by improving its cost competitiveness in the global market, if so, the details and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) Yes Sir, Government has worked out a ₹ 6000 crore special package, with tax and production incentives, for the Textile and Apparel sector to enable domestic firms to compete globally. The details of package are given in Statement. [*Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to USQ NO.1488 Part (a) to (c)*]

(b) The expected impact of the Textile booster package on textile and apparel sector are:

- The new package is expected to boost up employment generation, exports and investment in textile and apparel industry.
- Improve the attractiveness of garment manufacturing for new investments and exports. The current investment in the sector which is growing at 8% year on year is expected to grow substantially.
- Larger manufacturing set-ups will become feasible thereby leading to economies of scale in the sector.
- More and more garment units will become compliant with respect to statutory dues and more jobs will be generated in formal sector.