

**Closed textile mills and rehabilitation of jobless workers in Odisha**

2073. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of textile mills in the Country and the number of those closed down in the last five years;

(b) the number of those closed down mills which are in Odisha;

(c) the number of employees of such mills in the State of Odisha who have been rendered jobless; and

(d) how Government proposes to rehabilitate those jobless mill workers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) As on 30.09.2016, there were 2002 Cotton Man-Made Fibre Textile Mills (Non-SSI) in the country. During the last five years (FY 2011-12 onwards), 129 Cotton Man-Made Fibre Textile Mills (Non-SSI) were reported closed and lying closed as on 30.09.2016.

(b) In the State of Odisha, 13 Cotton Man-Made Fibre Textile Mills (Non-SSI) were lying closed as on 30.09.2016.

(c) In the State of Odisha 11,970 workers were there on the roll of 13 closed Cotton Man-Made Fibre Textile Mills (Non-SSI) as on 30.09.2016.

(d) In order to give relief to the workers rendered jobless due to permanent closure of Non-SSI Textile Mills in private sector, Textile Worker's Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) has been introduced by Government of India with effect from 15.9.1986. The objective of the TWRFS Scheme is to give interim relief to the workers rendered jobless for a period of three years on a tapering basis, wage equivalent to 75% in the first year, 50% in the second year and 25% in the third year. The mills closed on or after 5.6.1985 are covered under TWRFS. No proposal has been received from the State Government of Odisha for eligible relief, if any under TWRFS.

**Incentives to ensure livelihood of SHGs**

2074. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is keen on ensuring livelihood security to Self Help Groups (SHGs) and raise their income levels by giving a retail push for handicrafts, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how Government is planning to make SHGs to support themselves to increase their income, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives being offered to SHGs to ensure their livelihood?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Self Help Groups (SHGs) of artisans are formed under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna (AHVY). The SHGs are given priority under the developmental and promotional schemes to ensure their livelihood and enhancement of their income level. The SHGs members are provided skill upgradation training, design and technology development workshops and participation in marketing exhibitions. During training, they are provided stipend for wage compensation. SHGs are provided opportunity for marketing of Handicraft Products at various important places in the country in Gandhi Shilp Bazars, Craft Bazars, Thematic Exhibitions, National Handicraft Fairs, Exhibition etc. During participation in exhibitions at various places, the SHGs are provided Travelling Allowance and Dearness Allowance (TA/DA) and Stalls without charging any rent. State-wise number of SHGs benefitted are given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*State-wise SHGs benefitted under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY)  
Scheme during 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16*

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number of SHGs benefitted
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2164
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	316
3.	Assam	2361
4.	Bihar	1427
5.	Chhattisgarh	651
6.	Delhi	367
7.	Goa	135
8.	Gujarat	3674
9.	Haryana	1439
10.	Himachal Pradesh	841
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	2148
12.	Jharkhand	1318
13.	Karnataka	564
14.	Kerala	66

Sl. No.	Name of State	Number of SHGs benefited
15.	Madhya Pradesh	3272
16.	Maharashtra	360
17.	Manipur	2247
18.	Meghalaya	300
19.	Mizoram	222
20.	Nagaland	992
21.	Odisha	1579
22.	Puduchery	20
23.	Punjab	360
24.	Rajasthan	613
25.	Sikkim	32
26.	Tamil Nadu	988
27.	Tripura	970
28.	Uttar Pradesh	7982
29.	Uttarakhand	1512
30.	West Bengal	2864
31.	Chandigarh	215
32.	Daman and Diu	15
33.	Telangana	706
TOTAL		42720

#### **Boosting the sale and export of handicrafts**

2075. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made to boost sale and export of handicrafts to other countries, like Latin America, Middle East, Europe, etc.;

(b) the number of fairs, exhibitions and road shows held to market Indian handicrafts abroad, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of special attention focussed to attract handicraft products from North-Eastern Region and campaign launched for overseas buyers?