

**Special package for textile sector**

2877. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced special package for Textile sector recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken up any projects in Jharkhand with these special package funds, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of funds released so far for taking up technology upgradation and providing incentives to the apparel sector, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) Yes Sir, Government has approved a special package of approx. ₹ 6,000 crores for the apparel sector. In the package, garment sector across India has been provided with special incentives for employment generation, enhanced duty drawback covering state levies, relaxation under Section 80JJAA of Income Tax Act and simplified labour laws.

(b) No Sir.

(c) So far 299 proposals are accorded in principle sanction involving project cost of ₹ 376 crore and subsidy amount of ₹ 47.6 crore.

**Skill development programmes**

2878. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds, to conduct skill development programmes related to handicrafts or handlooms were sanctioned to NGOs or any other agencies during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of recipient organisations of such funds, State-wise; and

(c) the number of people who underwent skill training in the programmes along with the details of skills imparted?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The number of recipient organizations *i.e.* NGOs and other agencies to whom funds were released during the last three years, (State-wise) related to handicrafts and Handlooms for undertaking skill development programmes and the number of people covered for skill training in these programmes is given in the Statement-I and II, respectively.