

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) No such study has been made by Ministry of Textiles.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Data for production in Jan., 2017 are not yet available. Comparative figures for the corresponding period Nov. to Dec. are as under:—

Sl. No.	Years	Production (Mn Sq. Mtrs)
1.	2014-15 (Nov – Dec' 2014)	1256.85
2.	2015-16 (Nov – Dec' 2015)	1312.12
3.	2016-17 (Nov – Dec' 2016)	1290.37

Technical training to handicraft artisans

†1274. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Technical Training Workshop is proposed to be set up for development of handicrafts in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether it is a fact that artisans of old handicrafts are on the verge of unemployment due to lack of technical training; and

(c) whether there is any plan to encourage these handicraft artisans for manufacturing modern clothes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) and (b) Eight numbers of Technical training programs have already been sanctioned for development of handicrafts in Chhattisgarh. Chhattisgarh Handicrafts Development Corporation has also submitted a special project of Integrated Development and Promotion of Handicrafts at a project cost of ₹ 23 crores for the promotion and development of all the Handicraft Artisans of the state seeking Government of India assistance. Certain information is awaited from the state on this proposal.

(c) No, Sir.

Textile and garment exports

1275. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N.VEGAD:

MAHANT SHAMBHU PRASADJI TUNDIYA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state whether Government has any data regarding increase in export of textile and garments in the last three years, if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): As per the data available, the export of textiles and garments has shown marginal decrease during the last three years. The details of the same are as under:-

Year	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	CAGR
Exports (In US\$ Bn.)	40.3	40.7	40.0	-0.4%

Source: Director General of Commerce Intelligence and Statistics Database

Schemes for employment generation in textile sector

1276. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Textile sector generates employment opportunities next only to Agriculture sector in the country;

(b) if so, the new schemes prepared to provide employment to youth and women in the Textile sector; and

(c) whether Government is considering to prepare any policy for the success of Make-in-India programme and making the Textile sector job-oriented, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) As per Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) which provides information on employment only for the formal sector, Textiles and Wearing Apparel sector had the highest share of 18.28% in 2013-14. A major part of Textiles and Apparel is however understood to be in the informal sector for which employment data is not available.

(b) The recent initiatives launched by the Ministry for providing employment for youth and women in the Textile sector, include the announcement of the Special package for Garments and Madeups, both of which segments are employment intensive and have a special women focus. The Skill development programme implemented by the Ministry also aims at enhancing *inter alia* the employment potential of women and youth. Besides the above, all other infrastructure related programmes, silk, wool, jute and Powerloom, handloom and handicraft development programmes implemented by the Ministry also lead to employment generation amongst women and youth.

(c) New National Textile Policy is under formulation, which will also ensure Make-in-India programme successful and the Textile sector job-oriented.