

- (vi) Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme.
- (vii) Duty Free import of trimmings, embellishments and other specified item under Export Performance Certificate Entitlement Scheme.

**Census of handloom sector**

793. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a proposal for conducting the census of Handloom sector is pending with Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay in conducting the said census; and
- (c) by when the said census is likely to be conducted and the data released for formulation of development and welfare policies for the said sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) to (c) During the celebration of second Handloom Day, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, had announced conducting of 4th Nation-wide Handloom census at Varanasi on 7.8.2016. As a follow up of the said announcement, Office of Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles has invited request for proposal (RFP) from the reputed agencies on-line for conducting Fourth nation-wide Census for Handlooms and issue of Photo Identity cards to Handloom weavers through Central Public Procurement Portal and agency has been selected and assigned the task on 4.01.2017. The entire work is likely to be completed within one year from the date of assignment. The data of Handloom sector to be enumerated during the ensuing Census, shall be used in formulation of development and welfare policies for the Handloom Sector.

**Success of Textile India-2017**

794. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 'Textile India-2017' organized by Government at Ahmedabad could achieve appreciable success, if so, the details thereof including the success achieved; and

(b) whether Government has any plan to organize similar mega shows in other countries also to promote Indian textiles which may result in much greater export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) Yes Sir, The Ministry of Textiles has organised a 3 day mega textile exhibition namely, Textiles India-2017 from 30th June, 2017 to 2nd July, 2017 at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat. This event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 30th June, 2017. The principal objective of organising the said mega event was to bring all segments of the Textiles sector under one umbrella trade event and showcase the strength of the Indian Textiles sector to the world. This event witnessed participation of buyers from 105 countries, international delegates and representatives and artisans and weavers. This event provided an excellent platform for B2B interactions and explored investment and technological tie-ups across various segments in the textiles value chain. During this event, *inter-alia*, 65 MOU's between different organisations, including foreign government and companies and Indian entities were signed. During the event, 3 Country Sessions, 7 State Sessions, 6 conferences Chaired by Hon'ble Union Ministers, 01 Conference of ASEAN countries, 26 round table Conferences, and Fashion Shows were held. Besides this, national and international exhibitors showcased their products.

(b) No Sir. However, at present the Textiles Export Promotion Councils under this Ministry participate in national/international trade fairs/exhibitions and Government supports them under Market Access Initiative (MAI) scheme.

#### **Textile parks**

795. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of operational textile parks in the country, including the ones set in SEZs, along with the details thereof;

(b) the number of those set up under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks, the details thereof;

(c) the number of garment and apparel manufacturing units under these textile parks, the details thereof;

(d) the number of labour employed in these textile parks across the States in the country along with the details thereof with special reference to percentage of women therein; and