

**(v) Scheme for Strengthening of Infrastructure of Existing Weak Khadi Institutions and Assistance for Marketing Infrastructure**

Year	No. of KIs assisted	No. of sales outlets assisted
2015-16	15	15
2016-17	35	117
2017-18 (Provisional)	35	-

**Loss of jobs due to model charkhas**

121. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the model charkhas have made khadi artisans lose their jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that nearly 1.2 lakh jobs were lost in the east zone alone; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH): (a) New Model Charkhas have been introduced long back. It is not true that jobs are lost due to introduction of New Model Charkhas. Rather they give good quality yarn and enhanced wages to the Khadi artisans due to increase of production capacity.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No. The total employment under Khadi and Polyvastra for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18 (Provisional) in the East Zone is given below, which shows an increasing trend.

**Employment in East Zone**

Particulars	(in lakh persons)	
	2016-17	2017-18 (Provisional)
Employment under Khadi and Polyvastra	1.05	1.06