

(a) As on 31.12.2017, there were 3546 Textile Mills in the country and a total number of 56 textile Mills (Non SSI) have been closed in the country during the past three years. The details are given in the Statement (*See* below). No unit has been closed due to demonetization.

(b) to (d) Four mills were closed in Karnataka during the last three years. 408 workers were on the rolls of these four mills. Government of India had introduced the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) with effect from 15.09.1986 to provide relief to the workers rendered jobless due to permanent closure of Non-SSI Textile Mills in the private sector. TWRFS has now been merged with the Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana (RGSKY) *w.e.f.* 01.04.2017.

Statement

Number of Textile Mills (Non-SSI and SSI) and no of Textiles Mills closed during past three years in the country as on 31.12.2017

Year	Number of Textile Mills			Closed Cotton/ Man-Made fiber Textile Mills closed during the year (Non SSI)
	Non SSI	SSI	Total	
2014-15	2150	1331	3481	17
2015-16	2155	1341	3496	17
2016-17	2183	1359	3542	20
2017-18 (up to 31.12.2017)	2185	1361	3546	2
TOTAL				56

Scheme for capacity building in textile sector

1101. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched 'Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sectors';

(b) if so, the details of aims and objectives of the scheme together with financial allocations made therein; and

(c) whether providing jobs to the youths will form part of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA):

(a) and (b) The Govt. has approved a new skill development scheme titled "Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS)" covering the entire value chain of the textile sector, excluding Spinning and Weaving in the organized Sector, for a period of three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with an outlay of ₹ 1300 crore. The Scheme targets to train 10.00 lakh persons (9 lakhs in organised sector and 1 lakh in traditional sector) over a period of 3 years. The aims and objectives of the Scheme are as given below:

- (i) To provide demand driven, placement oriented National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) compliant skilling programmes to incentivize and supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organized textile and related sectors.
- (ii) To promote skilling and skill up-gradation in the traditional sectors through respective sectoral Divisions/organizations of Ministry of Textiles.
- (iii) To provide livelihood either by wage or self-employment to all sections of the society across the country including rural, remote, Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected, North East, Jammu and Kashmir through imparting skills in the identified job roles in textiles.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Schemes in textiles sector

1102. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn towards the existing problems being faced by people engaged in textiles sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details of schemes introduced by Government to strengthen the said sector; and

(c) the estimated annual growth rate of the said sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA):