

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details about the action taken/current status of such proposal so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) to (d) Presently, there are 9 notified Special Economic Zones (SEZ) for textiles and allied sectors in the country and out of these, 7 SEZs are operational. SEZs are primarily private investment driven. Presently, no proposals for establishing SEZ for textiles manufacture only, has been received in the Government.

Promotion of tribal female scientists as director in Central Silk Board

†442. SHRI SAMIR ORAON: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a tribal female scientist can be promoted to high level posts like Director in Central Silk Board;
- (b) if so, the number of tribal scientists appointed against vacant posts of Director in the Central Silk Board during last four years along with the year-wise details thereof;
- (c) the number of such appointments under consideration at present and the number of women belonging to Jharkhand out of these; and
- (d) if tribal female scientists are not appointed against the posts of Director during the last four years the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) to (d) The candidates who fulfill the eligibility criteria fixed for the post of Director as per Recruitment Rules are eligible to apply. No such candidates belonging to tribal community have applied for the post of Director during the last four years. However, one woman, Scientist-D belonging to Scheduled Tribe (ST) category from the State of Jharkhand working under Basic Tasar Silkworm Seed Organization, Central Silk Board has been recommended and approved by the Ministry for the promotion to the post of Director in Central Silk Board.

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