Census and issue of photo ID card for handloom weavers and workers

1235. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has selected any agency for census and issue of photo ID card for weavers and workers of handloom industry;
 - (b) if so, the detailed time-frame thereof;
 - (c) when are the results of census going to be released; and
- (d) the reasons for delay in carrying out with a census of weavers and handloom workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) to (d) M/s Karvy Data Management Services Limited, Hyderabad has been selected by the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms for conducting fourth Nationwide Census for Handloom and issue of Photo Identity Cards to weavers and workers of handloom industry. Work was awarded to the agency on 4th January, 2017 with timeline of one year. Enumeration work is at final stage of completion by seeking cooperation of State Governments in identifying the left out handloom pockets, if any. Completion certificate of enumeration has been received from 21 States. 100% validation of enumerated data through respective State on portal is also under progress, before final publication of the report.

Skill training centre for advanced technology in textile industry

1236. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to establish skill training centre for advanced technology in textile industry;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor, and
- (d) the details about the action taken/current status of such project, if any, thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) to (d) Ministry of Textiles is implementing Skill Development Scheme in partnership with training institutes, industry partners and the State Governments. The