

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

Government does not set up training centres directly under the scheme but leverage the existing training set up of the partners by providing them necessary support for operational requirements. During currency of previous phase of scheme till November, 2017, total 6885 training centres were functional.

In addition to the above, Research and Development in textiles sector has been given a boost with participation of research agencies including Textiles Research Associations (TRAs), research laboratories, Universities, Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and industry associations. Further, in order to boost promotion of technical textile in the country, 8 numbers of Centres of Excellence and 10 numbers of Focus Incubation Centres have been established for research, development and growth of technical textile product and applications. The Centres of Excellence are driven by various Textile Research Associations (TRAs), Universities and IITs.

Scheme to promote handloom industries

†1237. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any schemes to promote handloom industry;
- (b) if so, the detailed information thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) and (b) Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes for promotion and development of handlooms and welfare of handloom weavers across the country:—

- (1) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)
- (2) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)
- (3) Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS)
- (4) Yarn Supply Scheme (YSS)

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided for raw materials, purchase of looms and accessories, design innovation, product diversification,

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