

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

**Local procurement of textiles**

2964. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in spite of requests from Government PSUs are not buying their textile and fabric requirements locally which would boost earnings of artisans and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any survey has been undertaken recently or on an earlier occasion to find out the number of PSUs procuring their textile and fabric requirements locally;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Ministry proposes to ask PSUs to promote products of local artisans?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) No, Sir. Handicrafts and Handloom Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) is buying textiles locally through its regional offices at Chennai, Noida, Kolkata and Mumbai. National Handloom Development Corporation Limited (NHDC) is procuring and supplying yarn to Handloom weavers as per their requirements from various Mills on Mill Gate Price under the Yarn Supply Scheme. Cotton Corporation of India Limited (CCI) is procuring entire quantity of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) grade Kapas (cotton) from cotton growing farmers in various Agriculture Produce Market Committees (APMCs) market yards at Minimum Support Price (MSP).

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

(d) Central Cottage Industries Corporation (CCIC) Ltd. under Ministry of Textiles has mandate of promotion of products of artisans across the country wherein it procures different artefacts and items from local artisans and sells through its showrooms.

**New skill training centre for weavers**

2965. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any effective scheme to create new skill training centres for weavers in the country under Skill Development Scheme;