

(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. HANUMANTHAIHAH:

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;

(b) if so, whether the centers would be equipped with the modern and latest technology; and

(c) the number and details of weaver centres running in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles has formulated a scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector-SAMARTH for training of textiles workers, including weavers, in partnership with training institutes, industry partners and the State Governments by providing them necessary support for operational requirements.

State-wise details of the weavers service centres in the country is given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of weavers service centres in the country

Sl. No.	State	Location of Weaver Service Centre
North Zone		
1.	Delhi	Delhi
2.	Uttar Pradesh	Varanasi
3.		Meerut
4.	Jammu and Kashmir	Srinagar
5.	Uttarakhand	Chamoli
6.	Rajasthan	Jaipur
7.	Haryana	Panipat
East Zone		
8.	Assam	Guwahati
9.	Tripura	Agartala
10.	Manipur	Imphal
11.	West Bengal	Kolkata
12.	Bihar	Bhagalpur
13.	Odisha	Bhubaneshwar
14.	Nagaland	Dimapur
15.	Mizoram	Aizwal

Sl. No.	State	Location of Weaver Service Centre
16.	Jharkhand	Ranchi
West Zone		
17.	Maharashtra	Mumbai
18.		Nagpur
19.	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
20.	Madhya Pradesh	Indore
21.	Chhattisgarh	Raigarh
South Zone		
22.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
23.		Salem
24.		Kancheepuram
25.	Karnataka	Bangalore
26.	Kerala	Kannur
27.	Andhra Pradesh	Vijayawada
28.	Telangana	Hyderabad

Expansion of Sericulture

2966. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of extension of single window based SILKS (Sericulture Information Linked Knowledge System) portal to cover more districts for sericulture expansion through the 'Silk Samagra' – Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry (ISDSI);

(b) the steps taken by the Ministry to upgrade Reeling Technology and promote indigenously developed ARM and Improved Vanya reeling devices under "Make in India" programme; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry to upgrade State Seed Multiplication facilities and encourage private participation in seed production to match the raw silk production target?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) A web portal "SILKS" (Sericulture Information Linkage Knowledge System) has been developed in collaboration with North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC),