

Products Manufacturing Units, innovation and expansion under Technology Mission on Technical Textiles- for Promoting Usage of Agro textiles, Focus Incubation Centre, etc. Furthermore, Government has been encouraging and supporting the traditional handloom and handicraft sectors including silk, wool and jute sectors for enhancing production and employment generation in these segments.

Survey on employment in textile sector

2969. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any survey on number of skilled/unskilled persons employed in textile sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to provide training to unskilled persons to become skilled employees after entering the textile sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) A survey for skill gap analysis in textile and clothing sector of India was conducted by the Textiles Committee in May, 2018. The survey estimated additional employment to the tune of 62.12 lakh in organised sector by 2020. The study also projected skilling requirement for 30.56 lakh persons in which 23.89 lakh was for Apparel Sector.

(c) to (e) With a view to address the skilled manpower requirements of textile sector, the Ministry had been implementing Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS) from 2010-11 to 2017-18. The scheme was implemented on pan India basis. Under the scheme, 11.14 lakh persons were trained out of which 8.43 lakh persons were given employment.

In order to continue the endeavour of the Ministry in addressing the skill gap in the textile industry, the Government has approved a new scheme titled Samarth-Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS) for the entire value chain of textile sector, excluding Spinning and Weaving in the organized sector, for a period of three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20 with an outlay of ₹ 1300 crore. The objectives of the scheme *inter alia* include providing demand driven, placement oriented National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) compliant skilling programmes to incentivize

and supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organised textile and related sectors and to provide skilling and skill-upgradation in the traditional sectors. 10.00 lakh persons will be trained under the scheme.

Funds for welfare of weavers

†2970. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds earmarked for the development and welfare of weavers are not being fully utilized;

(b) the Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for the development and welfare of weavers and the amount utilized during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) Budgetary allocation of funds is not made State-wise. However, indicative physical targets are allotted to States and funds are released to various Implementing Agencies based on viable proposals received and utilisation of previously released funds.

The 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, infrastructure development, skill upgradation, lighting units, marketing of handloom products and loan at concessional rates.

1. National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP):—

- (i) Block Level Cluster: Introduced in 2015-16 as one of the components of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP). Financial assistance upto ₹ 2.00 crore per BLC for various interventions such as

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