

**Modernisation of Mills under NTC**

2972. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes modernisation of Mill under the National Textile Corporation (NTC) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has initiated any action to protect the NTC's ownership in its landed property at various places and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) National Textile Corporation (NTC) had been implementing Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) approved Revival Modified Scheme (MS-08) wherein, it has no mandate to revive the unviable mills closed under Industrial Dispute Act. (ID Act). As per the scheme, NTC has modernized its 23 mills on its own and endeavored to revive 5 through Joint Venture arrangements.

(b) In order to secure and safeguard the landed property of NTC at various places, security staff are employed by the Corporation at all the locations.

**Go Tribal Campaign**

2973. SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched "Go Tribal Campaign" by Tribes India under which a number of innovative activities have been planned to be undertaken to promote use of tribal handicrafts, handicrafts and natural products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is also planning for Global Launch of "Tribes India" through Amazon Global Selling;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether collaboration with "I Am Khadi" foundation, TRIFED is introducing Khadi Kurtas and Jackets to its collection;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other new steps taken for welfare of tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RENUKA SINGH SARUTA): (a) and (b) TRIFED has launched this

campaign on 28.06.2019.

(c) and (d) Products available under Tribes India brand and outlets can also be procured through Online retailers like Amazon, Flipkart, etc. with whom TRIFED, a Multi-State Co-operative Society under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

(e) and (f) No, Sir. TRIFED has not introduced Khadi Kurtas and Jackets in collaboration with "I Am Khadi" foundation. However, in order to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of father of nation, Tribes India/TRIFED is promoting Khadi based products made by tribal artisans.

(g) Besides continuing the existing schemes for tribal welfare, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs under its scheme of 'Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP' has included 26 additional Minor Forest Produces for which Minimum Support Price has been notified in December, 2018/January, 2019. Also better facilities for skill upgradation and value addition for MFPs in the form of Van Dhan Kendras for providing better monetary return to the MFP gatherers have also been included.

#### **MSP of forest products**

2974. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that tribals do not get maximum benefits of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) set for their forest products;

(b) if so, the reasons why there is no institutional mechanism at lower levels to ensure that tribals get the benefits of MSP for their products; and

(c) the details of data for the last three years showing that they are getting the benefits of MSP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RENUKA SINGH SARUTA): (a) and (b) The scheme of 'Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP' has been formulated to ensure that MFP gatherers, who majorily belong to ST category, get fair monetary returns for their efforts.

(c) The scheme comes in effect when the market price of the MFP falls below its notified MSP. The details of the procurement done by the implementing agencies are given in the Statement.