

Oral Answers [2 December, 2019] to Questions 85

1	2	3	4
40.	RailTel Corporation India Ltd.	0	1
41.	REC Ltd.	36	5
42.	REC Power Distribution Co. Ltd.	8	5
43.	REC Transmission Projects Co. Ltd.	14	0
44.	RISES Ltd.	0	2
45.	SJVN Ltd.	0	8
46.	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	890	8
47.	Telecommunications Consultants (India) Ltd.	41	1
48.	THDC India Ltd.	0	1
49.	WAPCOS Ltd.	12	2
TOTAL		211158	8624

\*Employment includes contract and casual employees.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Q. No. 147, Shri P. Bhattacharya, not present. What is happening today?

\*147. [The questioner was absent.]

### Encouragement of charkha in 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

\*147. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to encourage the use of charkha in the country on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

***Statement***

(a) and (b) Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is encouraging the use of charkhas by spinners in the country under the following schemes:—

- (i) Rozgar Yukt Gaon (RYG) - To give further boost and generate employment opportunities in the villages through hand spun charkha, a new Scheme titled 'Rozgar Yukt Gaon' has been launched during 2019-20. This has an objective to introduce enterprise-led model replacing subsidy-led model in 50 villages, which are deprived of opportunities and sustainable livelihood support systems, and to empower them with charkhas, looms, warping units, required professional skills and administrative framework support, creating direct and indirect employment opportunities.
- (ii) Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) has been under implementation for making Traditional Industries more productive, market driven and competitive by organizing the Traditional Industries and artisans into clusters. The Scheme envisages providing need-based assistance for setting up of Common Facility Centres (CFCs), product development, quality improvement, improved marketing, training and capacity building etc. with the financial assistance extended by the Government. Under this scheme, traditional industries clusters including Khadi related clusters are set up.
- (iii) Mission Solar Charkha: Ministry of MSME has launched the Mission Solar Charkha for implementation of 50 Solar Charkha Clusters across the country with a budget of ₹ 550 crore. Solar Charkha Cluster consists of a focal village and other surrounding villages in a radius of 8 to 10 kilometres and will have 200 to 2042 beneficiaries, viz., Spinners, Weavers, Stitchers and other Skilled Artisans. Each spinner is given two solar charkhas of 10 spindles each. On an average, it is considered that such a cluster will have about 1000 solar charkhas. Activity of Solar Charkha is covered under the Village Industries (VI) vertical of KVIC.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now Q.No. 148.

**Sports infrastructure in Punjab**

\*148. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state: