

- (iii) ₹ 99.00 lakh has been released for 4 marketing events covering 5820 beneficiaries.
- (iv) Loan worth ₹ 66.00 lakh has been disbursed under Weavers' MUDRA Scheme covering 380 beneficiaries.
- (v) 10.03 lakh kg. of yarn worth ₹ 9.42 crore has been supplied at mill gate price and 9600 kg. of yarn worth ₹ 16.71 lakh has been supplied to the weavers of Rajasthan under 10% subsidy scheme of Yarn Supply Scheme (YSS).
- (vi) 1963 beneficiaries have been enrolled under Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY) and 18 beneficiaries have been enrolled under Pradhan Mantri Jivan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)/Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).

**Focus on regional and cluster subsidies  
in the textile sector**

2048. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's export-specific subsidy violates WTO norm's, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there are any policies to move away from export subsidy and focus on regional and cluster subsidies, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government policies encompass the need for technology upgradation, skill development and skill development subsidies, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) Export specific subsidy administered under export, promotion schemes are incompatible with WTO norms as these are in the category of prohibited subsidies being contingent on export performance. Under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCMs) of the WTO, developing countries members and LDCs who are exempt from prohibition will be required to phase out the subsidies, if exports of a product have attained the stipulated threshold level of export competitiveness in world trade in that product and/or if the members have attained the stipulated GNP threshold per capita.

(b) and (c) Government has been focusing on cluster development through various schemes including those that target setting up of integrated facilities for value addition, development of skilled labour and technology upgradation of machinery to boost manufacturing and competitiveness.