

various associations in the textiles industry seeking relief including reimbursement of State and local land duties, on account of the appreciation of the rupee.

(c) Government has announced an export package comprising several relief measures, including revision in the Duty Drawback and DEPB rates, which will benefit the textiles sector. DEPB rates have been enhanced by 3% for nine sectors which include Textiles (including handlooms), readymade garments, and handicrafts. In addition, the premium on export credit guarantee has been reduced by ten per cent, the rates of duty drawback have been enhanced, and the rate of interest on pre-shipment and, post-shipment credit has been reduced by two per cent.

Role of textile industry in Indian economy

1828. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile industry is set to play a major role in the Indian economy;

(b) if so, whether India had natural advantages in the whole of the value chain of the sector and it had strong material base of cotton, manmade fibres, jute, and silk;

(c) whether its production capacity, both in spinning and weaving, was large and had a vast pool of skilled manpower with excellent entrepreneurial abilities; and

(d) if so, whether Government are extending support to the sector by special schemes such as the Technology Upgradation Fund and Integrated Textile Parks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 27TH AUGUST, 2007*

Achievement levels of KV students

*201. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has conducted any survey of the achievement levels of its students in English, Maths, Science and SST for classes VII and VIII;

(b) if so, the results thereof and the steps taken to further augment the achievement levels;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

* The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Monday, the 27th August, 2007 was cancelled. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, the 29th August, 2007.

(d) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya, INA Colony has taken up any such quality assessment of its students for class VIII;

(e) if so, the results thereof; and

(f) if not, by when the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan intends to initiate it?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. However, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) had conducted a sample survey of learners achievement for pass out students of Class-V of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in April 2006 with standardized question papers in Mathematics, English and Environmental Studies.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The assessment of students in all classes including VII and VIII of KVs is done regularly through unit tests, half-yearly and end of session examinations.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The assessment of students for all classes including class VIII is done in KV, INA Colony regularly through unit tests, half-yearly and end of session examinations.

Power to all by 2012

*202. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to provide power to all by 2012;

(b) if so, what is the estimate of total power requirement of each State and UT in 2012, the sources of supply and their capacities to provide power;

(c) what directions have been given to State Electricity Boards and power distributing agencies to ensure that transmission lines are ready in time to supply power available for consumers; and

(d) the authority designated to co-ordinate for ensuring planned construction and commencement of productions, distribution of power to distributing agencies and transmission to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Electricity Policy notified on 12th Feb. 2005 envisages that demand for power is to be fully met by 2012.

As per the 17th Electric Power Survey of India, the forecast of electricity demand in terms of electrical energy requirement and peak electric load for the year 2011-12 has been assessed as 968 Billion Units and 1,52,746 MW respectively. The State wise details are given at Statement-I (See below).

To meet the demand, a capacity addition of 78,577 MW (as per State-wise details given in Statement-II (See below), has been proposed for the Eleventh Plan.