

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2060
ANSWERED ON- 05/08/2021

ITC MILLS IN THE COUNTRY

2060. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of mills under ITC closed down during the last 2 years;
- (b) whether Government is planning to aid the ITC mills with raw materials and operating cost as these mills are facing acute crisis due to COVID-19 related lockdowns;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the fact that the employees' salaries are pending for months in many mills under ITC, whether Government will take steps to ensure that salaries are paid on time; and
- (d) the reasons for financial crunch in ITC mills and the actions taken by Government to revive these mills?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) to (c): Under National Textile Corporation (NTC) Limited, a Central Public Sector Enterprise under Ministry of Textiles, no mill was closed down during the last 2 years. Due to Covid-19 pandemic and nationwide lockdown imposed by the various State Governments, the production activities in all National Textile Corporation (NTC) Limited mill units were put on hold since 25.03.2020. After lifting up of the lockdown and as per availability of raw material, NTC restored operation of 14 mill units from January 2021 onwards. The second wave of Covid-19 pandemic again led to closure of all NTC mill operations in April, 2021. Now NTC has restored operations in some of its mills in July, 2021 as per raw material availability. The employees were paid salary regularly as per their status by NTC out of its cash reserve.

(d): Under the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) recommended revival scheme which was extended up to 31.03.2012 by BIFR, an amount of Rs. 1646.07 crore was spent on modernization of NTC mills under the revival scheme.
