

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO-***219**
ANSWERED ON- 05/08/2022

NATIONAL TEXTILE CORPORATION MILLS IN KERALA

***219. SHRI A. A. RAHIM:**

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) how many mills of the National Textile Corporation are there in Kerala and how many of them are functioning at present and at what level of utilization;
- (b) whether the Ministry plans to reopen the mills which are not functioning, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the action plan of the Ministry;
- (d) whether there have been wage cuts of the workers in these mills, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Ministry would compensate the workers for these cuts, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
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(a): In the state of Kerala, National Textile Corporation (NTC) Limited has following four working mills:-

Sl. No.	Name of Mill	Location
1.	Alagappa Textile Mills	Alagappanagar
2.	Cannanore Spinning & Manufacturing Mills	Cannanore
3.	Kerala Laxmi Mills	Trichur
4.	Vijaymohini Mills	Thiruvanthapuram

Besides above, NTC also has one mill namely Parvathy Mills, Quilon in Kerala slated for revival through Joint Venture (JV) route. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with the JV partners in respect of 11 mills of NTC including Parvathy Mills in 2008 were terminated on 14 January 2010 as the Joint Venture partners failed to enter into definitive agreement with NTC within the specified time. Production activity in all the National Textile Corporation (NTC) mills including mills in the State of Kerala were suspended due to Covid-19 pandemic and nationwide lockdown imposed by the various State Governments from March, 2020. Normal operations were resumed in some of the NTC mills from January, 2021, which could not be continued due to unavailability of working capital and other financial constraints.

(b) & (c): In light of the continued poor economic viability of NTC mills, as explained in reply to (a) above, Ministry of Textiles is preparing an action plan for a way forward in the matter, in consultation with NITI Aayog and Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance.

(d) & (e): The workers of NTC mills are being paid wages and statutory dues as per mutual agreement between management and representing workers of the mill.
