

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3030
ANSWERED ON- 20/12/2024

SHUTTING DOWN OF TEXTILE MILLS OWNED BY NTC

3030. DR. JOHN BRITTAS:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Textile Mills taken over and owned by National Textile Corporation Limited (NTC) in 1970s;
- (b) whether it was decided in 2003 to close some mills and to continue to operate 55 Textile Mills and that 22 out of the 55 also stopped functioning subsequently for want of central financial support;
- (c) whether remaining 23 operational Mills (including Vijayamohini Mills, Thiruvananthapuram) were also shut down on 23.03.2020 and not reopened till date;
- (d) the number of permanent and temporary workers in these Mills prior to shut down;
- (e) whether Government will take steps to open these Mills; and
- (f) the number of Mills currently working under NTC?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a): 103 Mills were taken over by the Government and vested in National Textile Corporation (NTC) under The Sick Textile Undertakings (Nationalization) Act, 1974.

(b) & (c): In the year 2002, Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) had sanctioned the revival scheme for NTC as per which 53 mills were proposed to be modernized by NTC. However, this revival scheme was later modified, first in the year 2006 and then in the year 2008.

Since then, 23 mills were made operational by NTC. However, operation of these mills including Vijaymohini Mills, Thiruvanthapuram was suspended due to declaration of Nation-wide lockdown on 25.03.2020. Subsequently, with the ease of lockdown restrictions, operation of some of the mills were resumed but could not be sustained after 2021.

(d): 6,321 permanent and 5,704 temporary workers were working in these mills at the time of lockdown.

(e): No such proposal is under consideration at this stage.

(f): Operation of all the 23 mills of NTC is currently suspended.
