

Revival of Textile Industry

* 134. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the textile industry is facing its worst slump since independence;

(b) whether the Central Government intend to introduce measures to revive the textile industry both in terms of export and internal consumption; and

(c) if so, the actions Government propose to take to extend aid and revenue support to promising textile houses ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KANSHIRAM RANA) : (a) According to the statistics maintained by the office of Textile Commissioner, the production of cloth during the last four years is growing in all sectors except the mill sector.

Sector-wise production of cloth

(Million sq. mtr.)

Year	Mill	Hand-loom	Power-loom	Hosiery	Khadi, Wool & Silk	Total
1997-98	1948*	7603	20951	6394	545	37441
1998-99	1785*	6792	20689	6277	584	36127
1999-2000	1714*	7352	23187	6374	581	39208
2000-01	1670*	7506	23803	6696	581	40456

including weaving units.

Also the per capita availability of cloth during these four years has also been growing:—

Per capita availability of cloth

(in Sq. Mtrs.)

Year	Cotton Blended/ Mixed Fabrics	100% Non-Cotton Fabrics	Total
1998-99	13.07	4.13	29.19
1999-2000	14.16	4.48	30.55
2000-01	14.22	4.50	30.68
2001-02 (P)	14.82	4.69	31.97

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(b) and (c) During the last three years, Government has taken the following, among other, measures to increase production, productivity and export earnings of the textile sector.

- (0) Announcement of National Textile Policy, 2000 with a view to develop a strong and vibrant industry, capable of producing cloth of good quality at acceptable prices, contributing increasingly to the provision of sustainable employment and economic growth and competing with confidence for an increasing share of global market;
- (H) Launching of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme to facilitate modernization and upgradation; (iii) Launching of Cotton Technology Mission for improving quality and productivity of Indian Cotton; (iv) Induction of 50,000 shuttleless looms and modernization of 2.5 lakh powerlooms in the decentralized sector by 2004; (v) Announcement of the Textile Package in the Budgets of 2001 -02 and 2002-03 to give a push to the development of textile sector. Announcing rationalization of tax structure aimed at faster growth of textile sector,
- (vi) Launching of Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana for an integrated development of handloom sector;
- (vii) Launching of a plan scheme titled Apparel Park for Export Scheme for imparting focused thrust of setting up of Apparel Manufacturing Units of international standards at potential growth centres. A provision of Rs. 14.5 crores has been made in the budget 2002-03 for providing assistance under this scheme;
- (viii) Launching of a scheme for upgrading infrastructural facilities at important textile centers namely, 'Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme' (TCIDS). Rs. 15 crore has been earmarked for this scheme;
- (be) Launching of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hasth Shilp Vikas Yojana focusing on a cluster approach to the development of handicrafts sector.

Pull Back of Troops

* 135. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :