GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TEXTILES LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:278
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PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT IN TEXTILES SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets fixed and the success achieved thereon regarding production and employment in the textiles sector during each year of the current Five Year Plan, State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for the shortfall, if any;
- (c) whether the said targets were commensurate with the demand of textile products;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to increase production and employment in the textile industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

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

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 278 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2010.

- (a) & (b): The 11th Five Year Plan envisages that cloth production would grow at 12 per cent per year. The turnover of the textile industry was envisaged to go up from US\$ 47 billion to US\$ 115 billion by the terminal year of the 11th Plan, with an annual incremental investment of Rs.30,000 crore. The projected increase in employment was 6.5 million of which almost two million will be in the skilled and managerial categories. There are no yearly/ state-wise targets.
- (c) to (e): Against the envisaged targets, in the backdrop of a global economic slowdown, cloth production witnessed a CAGR of 3.28 per cent, and turnover has increased from US\$ 47 billion to US\$ 55 billion and incremental investment of Rs.98,957 crore has been achieved from 2007-08 to 2009-10. Government has provided fiscal stimulus, increased plan allocation, launched modernisation programs for handlooms, powerlooms, handicrafts, sericulture and wool, and rigorously implemented social security programs for the well being of textile workers. An Integrated Skill Development Program was launched on August 5, 2010 to improve the skill base of three million workers employed in the sector over a five year period.