GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TEXTILES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2567 ANSWERED ON:25.11.2010 REVIVAL PACKAGE OF NJMC Kumar Shri Kaushalendra:Ramkishun Shri

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the revival package of National Jute Manufacturers Corporation (NJMC) has been approved which envisages operationalisation of three Jute Mills i.e. Kinnisson and Khardah in West Bengal and Rai Bahadur Hadrut Mill (RBHM) in Katihar (Bihar); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action that has been taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. As per the approval, three jute mills of National Jute Manufacturers Corporation (NJMC) viz. Kinnison, Khardah and RBHM shall be made operational by NJMC and other three jute mills viz. National, Alexandra and Union shall be closed. The total cost of the schemes as approved is Rs.1417.53 crore which inter-alia contains payment of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) to the employees, settlement of statutory, secured & unsecured dues and capital expenditure for modernisation etc. The resource for modernisation and other components shall be generated, partly from disposal of surplus assets and balance from Government of India Loan.

Action taken by Government inter-alia, include:

- i) Release of Rs.1207.31 crore during last four years upto March 31, 2010 for payment of VRS, statutory dues, secured and unsecured creditors as per revival scheme etc. Accordingly NJMC has given VRS to 17207 employees (workmen & staff) and settled all statutory & other dues.
- ii) Board of Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has been requested for early hearing to approve the revival proposal of NJMC. The hearing of BIFR has been fixed on 6th January, 2011.
- iii) A Modernisation Committee has been constituted by Ministry of Textiles for revival of the Jute Mills of NJMC. The trial runs in all the three mills have been started.