GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TEXTILES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:580 ANSWERED ON:13.08.2012 PROMOTION OF TEXTILE EXPORT

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to increase the export of textiles to United States of America and European Countries along with the share of Indian textiles export as compared to other countries including Europe and America;
- (b) the details of concessions or interest subsidy being provided to the exporters;
- (c) whether the Government has created buffer stock of cotton and reviewed the cotton procurement policy, if any in order to strengthen the export;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any study has been carried out in respect of number of unemployed people in textile industry during the last three years;
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (g) the funds allocated/spent under Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) during the last three years, State-wise including Rajasthan along with criteria for allocation of funds to the scheme?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Exports from India account for 5.13% & 3.13% respectively of world trade of Textiles and Clothing (T&C) products. India is the third largest supplier of T&C to USA and the fourth largest supplier to the EU-27 countries.

Government have introduced several provisions in the Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14, further supplemented in June, 2012, for providing incentives to the T&C sector exports. This includes incentives for exports to focus markets and exports of focus products, interest subvention on pre-shipment credit, duty-free import of trimmings etc. required by the garmenting industry and duty-free import of tools by the handicrafts industry. This apart, financial assistance is being provided to the exporters under the Market Development Assistance Scheme and the Market Access Initiative Scheme, for enhancing market share in existing markets and for exploring new markets. The Market Linked Focus Product Scheme (MLFPS) has been now extended for exports to USA and EU in respect of readymade garments till 31st March 2013 and inclusion of seven new markets additionally each under Focus Market Scheme (FMS) and Special Focus Market scheme.

- (c) & (d): It has been decided that Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) would undertake commercial operations to build up a buffer stock of 10 lakh bales of cotton.
- (e): No specific study have been carried out on the number of unemployed workers in the textile industry during the last three years.
- (f): Question does not arise in view of (e) above.
- (g): Funds under TWRFS are not released to the States. Fund allocated and disbursement of the relief to the workers of closed non-SSI private textile mills under the Scheme during the last three years is as follows: -

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(in lakh)
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   bursed during Amount workers paid cumulitive
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2009-4000 2506 2445.35 6658 28646.61 109366 78 140834
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2010- 1228.49 1228.49 1228.12 2854 29874.73 112219 83 143333 2011

2011- 470 470 470 1288 30344.73 113507 88 144544 2012

2012- 800 263 15.28 39 30360.01 113546 88 144544 2013

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