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FUNDS FOR TEXTILE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the textile industry is facing constraints and workers rendered jobless due to lack of domestic/global demand of textile products, high prices of cotton/yarn, erratic power supply and recent global slowdown;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to save the textiles industry and workforce working therein;
- (c) the number of textile mills lying closed as on date in the country, State-wise and steps taken by the Government to revive these mills along with any action plan/scheme to rehabilitate these workers who were rendered unemployed;
- (d) whether the Government has provided funds to promote textiles sector and their workers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with funds allocated/utilised during the last two years and the current year including the efforts made by the Government to increase investment in the sector; and
- (f) the details of funds allocated for development/upgradation of textile workers under Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) during the last two years and the current year and the number of beneficiaries under this scheme, State-wise particularly Karnataka?

Answer

(MINISTER OF TEXTILES) (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

- (a) Textile Industry suffered a downturn in 2011-12, mainly due to the global economy slowdown and partially due to the high price volatility in the international and domestic cotton market. The impact of the slowdown in terms of closure was reported to be 10 units only during the year. The position has eased in 2012-13 with production showing growth in both yarn and fabric through April-October as compared the same period, the previous year.
- (b) Government approved a debt restructuring package of Rs.35,000 crores in May, 2012 to help loss making textiles units, to be administered on a case by case basis by the bank within the prudential norms of the Reserve Bank of India. In the Handloom Sector which is the most vulnerable segment of the Textile Industry, it announced a loan waiver and restructuring package of Rs.33,884 crores in November, 2011.
- (c) Currently there are 568 textiles mills closed in the country, including 34 mills in Andhra Pradesh, 44 mills in Gujarat, 41 mills in Haryana, 31 mills in Karnataka, 65 mills in Maharashtra, 49 mills in Uttar Pradesh and 177 mills in Tamil Nadu. Government does not administer schemes for revival of textiles mills.
- (d) Government has allocated Rs.25,931 crores in the 12th Plan for development of textiles sector and workers. In the XIth Plan, the outlay was Rs.14,000 crore.
- (e) Government has utilized Rs.8486 crores Plan allocations in the years 2010-11 and 2011-12. In the current year 2012-13, an BE of Rs.7000 crores has been allocated.
- (f) TWRFS is a non-plan scheme and allocations are based on demand for the year. For 2010-11 an amount of Rs.12.28 crores for benefitting 2854 workers and in 2011-12 an amount of Rs.4.70 crores was allocated for benefitting 470 workers. Of these Rs.3.34 crores were spent in Karnataka in 2010-11 benefitting 658 workers and Rs.0.93 crores in 2011-12 benefitting 294 workers.