

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:171

ANSWERED ON:19.08.2013

WORKING CONDITIONS OF TEXTILE WORKERS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various programmes/schemes run by the Government for improving the working and economic conditions of textile workers in the country;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated under these programmes/schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise;
- (c) the details of the targets fixed/ achieved during the said period;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed or proposes to review implementation of the said schemes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (DR. KAVURU SAMBASIVA RAO)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION 171 "WORKING CONDITIONS OF TEXTILES WORKERS" BY SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA FOR ANSWER BY DR. K.S. RAO TEXTILES MINISTER ON AUGUST 19, 2013

- (a): The Ministry of Textiles implements the Textiles Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) with the objective to provide interim relief to textiles workers rendered unemployed as a consequence of permanent closure of any particular portion or entire textiles unit. Assistance under the scheme is payable to eligible workers for the purpose of enabling them to settle in another employment;
- (b): The TWRFS has benefitted 1.12 lac workers in 2010-11 with an expenditure of Rs.12.28 crores; 1.13 lac workers in 2011-12 with an expenditure of Rs.4.66 crores; 1.14 lac workers in 2012-13 with an expenditure of Rs. 5.00 crores and 1.14 lac workers in 2013-14 who have till July 2013 received benefits amounting to Rs. 1.12 crores;
- (c): No targets are specified under the TWRFS, the scheme seeks to provide universal coverage of interim relief to textiles workers rendered unemployed as a consequence of permanent closure;
- (d): The Ministry of Textiles constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary to review the implementation of the TWRFS;
- (e): The Ministry of Textiles has received the recommendations of the Committee for review of TWRFS and recommendations have been proposed for incorporation by amendments in schematic guidelines of TWRFS.