

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOSS TO NTC MILLS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of various National Textiles Corporation (NTC) mills has declined sharply during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps/ schemes undertaken to modernise the NTC mills and improve production of such mills;
- (c) whether the NTC mills are incurring losses over the last three years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with inquiry, if any, conducted in this regard;
- (d) the details of NTC mills revived/ modernised, State/mill-wise including funds allocated,/ utilised and rehabilitation packages/schemes approved for the workers who have been rendered unemployed due to closure of various NTC mills;
- (e) whether the workers/officers of the NTC mills have received their salary and allowances and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to clear their dues; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to consider a policy to provide subsidised clothes to the weaker sections and school children and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There is no reduction in the overall production in the NTC mills during the last 3 years and current year (April-June 2013) except for minor variations due to power cut and labour shortages in certain mills. Mill wise production is given at Annexure-I. NTC is implementing BIFR approved scheme, under which 24 mills are to be revived. Out of 24 mills, 18 mills have been modernized, 3 relocated green-field mills have been set up, one mill is slated to be set up as Technical Textile unit and 2 mills are partially modernized. Apart from BIFR approved modernization of the mills, NTC is taking various steps to increase production and profit of the mills by changing the product mix to suit market requirement, improve quality and productivity, tapping export market and aggressive sales promotion and revival of showrooms, implementation of energy audits and augmenting power supply and brand promotion.

(c): Out of 23 working units 15 units have generated cash profits during 2012-13. Detail is given at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): Details of NTC mills revived / modernized, State/mill-wise is given at Annexure-III. NTC has offered Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS) to all its employees of the closed mills as per BIFR approved scheme. The employees who have opted for MVRS, have been given an attractive compensation package under the MVRS on the basis of service rendered by them as well as service left over till superannuation. The scheme/package included increase in ex-gratia payment to the workers by 50% to 100% depending upon the date of revision of wages. For computation of ex-gratia; HRA component has also been taken into account. Besides, NTC employees are also exposed to Counseling Retraining and Rehabilitation (CRR) programmes, formulated under the scheme for CRR by Department of Public Enterprises. The payment of all the legitimate dues to workers/officers of the NTC mills have been made. Till date 63196 employees have availed the benefit of MVRS and an amount of Rs. 2349.56 crore. has been paid as compensation.

(f): There is no such policy at present.