

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is scarcity of trained people in textile sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for skill development for knitting, weaving, dyeing, processing and tailoring for the growth of textile sector;
- (c) the details of the studies conducted by the Government or representatives of textile industry association for the requirement of skilled manpower in textile industry;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to link handloom and sericulture sectors under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA); and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said sectors are likely to be brought under MGNREGA?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): As per the report of the Working Group on Textiles and Jute Industry for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17), the requirement of Human Resources in the Textile Sector would be about 178 lakhs, out of which 110 lakhs human resources would be required in the mainstream Textile and Clothing Sector. To address the trained manpower needs of the textile and related segments, the Government has introduced Integrated Skilled Development Scheme (ISDS), as a pilot scheme in the last two years of the 11th Plan with an outlay of Rs. 272 crore including Rs. 229 crores as Government of India contribution to train 2.56 lakh persons. The scheme has been scaled up under the 12th Plan to cover 15 lakh workers with an allocation of Rs. 1900 crores. Funds under ISDS is not allocated sector wise, however, special focus is being given to skill development in knitting and knitwear technology by making a special provision of Rs.55 crore during 12th Plan.

(c): Based on the studies conducted by various agencies i.e Credit Rating Information Service of India Ltd (CRISIL), Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), the Working Group on Textiles and Jute Industry for the 12th Five Year Plan has submitted its report in which it has estimated a requirement of 178 lakhs new work forces during 12th Five Year Plan and about 600 to 620 lakhs by 2022.

(d) & (e): Textile Ministry consulted Ministry of Rural Development to link Handloom sector with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). However, it was clarified that being an economic activity Handloom sector does not come under the preview of MGNREGA. As regards Sericulture sector, till 2012-13, Sericulture activities were not included under MGNREGA. However, Ministry of Rural Development has now identified Sericulture as one of the priority sector under MGNREGA. The States have to draw suitable proposals to seek the assistance from the MGNREGA.