

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 853
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.11.2019

PRODUCTION OF KHADI IN WEST BENGAL

853. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the production of Khadi in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in the matter; and
- (c) whether the aims and objectives of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) have been implemented and met in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI NITIN GADKARI)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has made efforts to enhance production of Khadi in the West Bengal. Based on the past performance of Khadi Institutions in West Bengal, the target of production has been enhanced every year by keeping in view the availability of working infrastructure and funds with the Khadi Institutions. Production by Khadi Institutions in West Bengal during last three years is as follows:

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Production of Khadi including Polyvastra and Solar Vastra
2016-17	19623.60
2017-18	20658.00
2018-19	24816.29

To enhance production of Khadi in West Bengal, KVIC implements the following schemes:

1. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)
2. Solar Charkha Mission
3. Khadi Vikas Yojana (KVY), a component of Khadi and Gramodyog Vikas Yojana (KGVY)
4. Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI)

Other steps taken by KVIC to increase the production and development of Khadi activities in the State of West Bengal is given in the **Annexure**.

(c): Yes Sir. The main aims and objectives of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) of generating employment opportunities have been met out in the State of West Bengal. Employment opportunities generated under Khadi and Village Industries (KVI) programme in West Bengal till 2018-19 areas follows:

Cumulative Employment under Khadi & Village Industries in West Bengal

Particulars	Till 2018-19
Employment under Khadi Programme	32433
Employment under V.I. Programme	1062000
Total Employment under KVI Sector	1094433

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a)&(b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 853 for answer on 21.11.2019

Following steps have been taken by KVIC to increase the production and development of Khadi activities in the State of West Bengal:

- i) For development of infrastructure 60 number of Khadi Institutions were assisted under Khadi Reform and Development Programme (KRDP) and during the current year additional 11 Khadi Institutions are going to implement KRDP which will increase Khadi Production in West Bengal.
- ii) In the last two years, 33 Khadi Institutions have been registered and started Khadi Programme.
- iii) Conducted awareness camps with West Bengal KVIB for registration of new Khadi Institutions.
- iv) During the year 2018-19, KVIC has started a Khadi spinning training cum production centre at Bali Island, which is situated in a remote isolated island of Sundarbans area to provide employment to the unemployed rural economically backward people mainly distress women and others. Presently 50 number of women are working in that centre and their average income more or less Rs. 150 per day. Earlier they had no regular source of income.
- v) To provide more employment opportunities to unemployed economically backward rural people, it has been decided to set up a composite Khadi unit by reputed Khadi Institution of the State in the island.
- vi) Skill Development: to impart training KVIC developed the network of 35 Departmental and Non-Departmental Training Centres. Training programmes are implemented in various disciplines viz. Khadi Spinning and Weaving, Stitching, embroidery, etc. through these training centres located in different States. In West Bengal 2321 number of candidates trained under Skill Development Programme and Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme training during the year 2018-19.