

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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EMPLOYMENT IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government collects data on the number of people employed in the textile industry, if so, State/ UT-wise and year-wise details thereof for the past five years, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the textile industry will need more than 17 million additional workforce by 2023;
- (c) if so, details of steps taken by Government for mobilizing, recruiting, training this additional workforce in last five years, details thereof, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated and utilized for recruiting and training of people in the textile industry in last five years, year-wise and State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a): The textile industry is one of the largest source of employment generation in the country with over 45 million people employed directly. The state-wise and year-wise details are not maintained. Government is implementing various schemes/programmes at Pan India basis viz. Silk Samagra-2, Samarth, (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector) Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS), National Technical Textile Mission (NTTM), Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), National Handloom Development Programme and National Handicraft Development Programme etc. for overall development of textile sector, including providing thrust in generating employment opportunities. In addition, Government has recently approved Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles and Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM-MITRA) Scheme which also have potential to generate large scale employment in the sector.

(b) to (d): A skill gap analysis in textile and clothing sector of India was conducted by the Textiles Committee in May 2018. It is estimated that under an optimistic scenario there would be training requirement for 177 lakh workers till 2030. In order to address the skill gap across various segments in textiles sector, Ministry of Textiles is implementing Samarth- Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector. The scheme is being implemented through State Government Agencies, Textile Industries, Industry Associations and Sectoral Organizations of Ministry of Textiles. The scheme was launched in 2017-18 and has been extended upto March, 2024.

Samarth Scheme was formulated under the broad skilling framework adopted by Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. The scheme is implemented and monitored through a robust digital platform linked with Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS). A total of 104 Textile Manufacturers, 12 Industry Associations, 12 State/Central government agencies and 3 sectoral organizations have been on-boarded under the scheme. The details of fund utilized during the last five years in operation of Samarth scheme is as under:

	(Rs. In crore)
Financial Year	Fund Utilized
2017-18	100.00
2018-19	16.99
2019-20	72.06
2020-21	90.70
2021-22	85.69
Total	365.44*

*** Actual disbursement for Samarth commenced in 2019-20. Out of the total disbursement, Rs. 133.64 crore has been disbursed as liabilities of previous version of scheme i.e. Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS) during initial years (entire expenditure in 2017-18 & 2018-19 and some part of expenditure during subsequent years).**
