

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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CAPACITY UTILIZATION IN TEXTILES INDUSTRY

1912. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to digitalize the textile sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government acknowledges that the textile industry is unorganized, with a minimal prevalence of technology usage and very low utilization of its capacity about 40-50 per cent and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to address these issues and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the impact caused to the textile industry due to a record drop of 30-40 per cent in production in textile industries and a reduction in the work hours per week and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a):** The Government has taken following initiatives for digitalization of the textile sector across the country:
- i) Integrated TUFs i.e iTUFs portal under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) was launched to facilitate auto generation of UID, digital signature for submitting applications, online tracking of clarifications, geo tagging of units, obtaining status of the units (Beneficiary) regarding release of subsidy.
 - ii) A robust Web based Management Information System along with mobile app, Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS), on-line monitoring of the training process has been operationalized for implementation and monitoring of skilling programmes under the SAMARTH-Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector.
 - iii) A web based online digital platform Textile Statistical Return System (TSRS) has been designed for the purpose of collection of statistics related to textile items.
 - iv) Weavers have been on-boarded on Government e-Market (GeM) place to enable them sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations. An online portal 'Indiahandmade.com' has also been launched by the Ministry to enable weavers/artisans to sell their products directly.
 - v) Under Powertex scheme, i-powertex software was developed through which any eligible/ entitled entrepreneurs/ units can submit application for pre-authorization of benefits of the scheme and thereafter tracking of their claims under the respective scheme.

(b) to (d): The Government has been incentivizing technology upgradation and modernization of textile industry through TUFS implemented since 1999. The latest version of the scheme was implemented during 2016-2022.

In addition to the above, the Government with aim to develop textile industry and to improve textile production in the country, is implementing various schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks, Production Linked Incentive (MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Products of Technical Textiles) Scheme, SAMARTH- Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks, Integrated Processing Development Scheme, Silk Samagra 2.0, Jute (ICARE- Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise), Raw Material Supply Scheme, National Handloom Development Programme, National Handicraft Development Programme, Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme, Integrated Wool Development Programme and National Technical Textiles Mission, etc.
