

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 446
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023

HANDWOVEN KHADI NATIONAL FLAGS

446. SHRI ANEEL PRASAD HEGDE:

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

- (a) whether the national flag that is hoisted from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 15th of August is made of Indian desi cotton/native species of cotton and whether it is handspun and handwoven khadi;
- (b) the various measures taken by Government to ensure that National flag is made from desi cotton and through Khadi processes; and
- (c) names of Khadi Institutions, State-wise, which produce handspun and hand woven Khadi National flags?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VERMA)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Home Affairs has amended the Flag Code of India, 2002 vide order No. 02/01/2020- Public (Part-III) dated 30.12.2021 whereby “The National Flag of India shall be made of hand spun and hand woven or machine made, cotton/polyester/wool/silk/Khadi bunting”.

Besides, as per the guidelines for official display “On all occasions for official display, only the Flag conforming of specifications laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and bearing their standard mark shall be used”.

The National Flag unfurled on 15th August from the Rampart of the Red Fort is a silken Flag manufactured by Ordnance Clothing Factory, Shahjahanpur, which is in conformity with the Flag Code.

(c): There are total 04 Khadi Institutions holding BIS license for manufacturing the Indian Standard-I (IS-I) National Flag in order to meet the requirements of Public/Government Departments. The names of Khadi Institutions producing IS-I National Flags are as follows:

1. Karnataka Khadi Gramodyog Smaukta Sangh Federation, Hubli, Karnataka
2. Madhya Bharat Khadi Sangh, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
3. Khadi Dyres and Printers, Borivali, Maharashtra
4. Dharwad Taluka Garag Kshetriya Seva Sangh, Karnataka

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