

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1597**  
ANSWERED ON- 15/12/2023

**RECESSION IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY**

1597. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the key challenges being faced by the exporters, manufactures and workers of the textile industry in the country;
- (b) whether Government has provided any financial or non financial support to assist textile businesses during recession;
- (c) if so, the details of such support and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government has introduced any programs and initiatives to enhance the skills of the workforce in the textile sector, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c):** The Government of India is implementing a number of schemes /initiatives to address various challenges faced by textile sector. The Government is implementing various schemes namely PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park Scheme to create a modern, integrated large scale, world class industrial ecosystem, which will help in attracting investments, boosting employment generation and position itself strongly in the global textile market, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme with an aim to achieve size and scale and to become competitive and generate employment opportunities, Samarth – the Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector with an objective to provide demand driven, placement oriented, National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) compliant skilling program to incentivize and supplement the efforts of industry in creating jobs, National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) to promote research and development environment in Textiles sector and to position the country as a global leader in Technical Textiles, TUFs to incentivize technology upgradation and modernization in the textile sector by way of providing capital investment subsidy for eligible investment in benchmarked textile machinery, Silk Samagra-2 to have inclusive sericulture value chain development, Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) to ensure availability of raw material, National Handloom Development Program (NHDP) and National Handicraft Development Program (NHDP) for promoting cultural heritage and welfare of artisans and weavers for development of textile sector and enhancing the productivity.

**(d):** The Government with a view to enhance the skills of the workforce in the textile sector has formulated Samarth Scheme under a broad skilling policy framework with the objective of providing opportunity for sustainable livelihood. The implementation period of the scheme is upto March 2024.

The scheme aims to provide demand driven and placement oriented National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) compliant skilling programmes to incentivize and supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organised textile sector and related sectors, covering the entire value chain of textiles excluding spinning & weaving and in addition it also provides skilling and skill-upgradation in the traditional textile sectors.

The skilling programme under the scheme is implemented through Implementing Partners (IPs) comprising Textile Industry/Industry Associations, State Government agencies and Sectoral Organizations of Ministry of Textiles. Under the Scheme 2,47,465 persons have been trained as on 11.12.2023.

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