

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2237
ANSWERED ON- 13/12/2024

CLOSURE OF COTTON MILLS

2237. SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details on the number of cotton mills that have shut down during last five years due to the declining cotton industry, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to prevent further closures; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to address the associated unemployment in the textile sector?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a): Details of closed mills are not maintained.

(b) & (c): The Government has taken various initiatives to create a conducive eco-system to boost growth of textile sector and enhance employment opportunities. Major initiatives include:

- i) The Government has approved setting up of Seven Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks in Greenfield/Brownfield sites with a view to enable the textile industry to become globally competitive attract large investment and boost employment generation.
- ii) The Government has approved the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles to promote production of MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Products of Technical Textiles in the country to enable Textile sector to achieve size and scale and to become competitive.
- iii) Government has launched National Technical Textiles Mission to promote and develop technical textiles sector in India. The fund allotted is for research and development both fundamental and applied research in technical textile sector, increasing penetration level of technical textiles through promotion and market development activities and to create skilled and educated manpower in the field of technical textiles.
- (iv) Further, Government implements various schemes viz SAMARTH- The Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector, Jute (ICARE- Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise), Silk Samagra 2.0, National Handloom Development Programme, National Handicraft Development Programme, Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP) etc. catering exclusively for promotion and development of indigenous textile sector in the country.
