LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1476 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.11.2016

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN TEXTILES

1476. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state :

(a) the incentives being given by the Union Government to the textile sector for employment generation especially for women; and

(b) the steps taken to promote fresh Research and Development (R&D) and technology to augment the growth of the sector?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र मंत्री **(श्रीमती स्मृति** ज़ुबिन **इरानी)** MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Government has approved a special package for garment sector to boost employment generation. In the package, garment sector has been provided with special incentives for employment generation, enhanced duty drawback covering state levies, relaxation under Section 80JJAA of Income Tax Act and simplified labour laws. Employment for women is expected to be generated under the said package since women form 70% of garment sector workforce.

(b): Government has launched Scheme for Research and Development for the Textile Industry including Jute with following basic components in 2014-15 to promote R&D and technology in textiles sector:

- i. Research and Development in Textiles and allied Sector
- ii. Promotion of R&D in jute sector; transfer of technologies and dissemination activities in jute sector
- iii. Benchmarking studies, knowledge dissemination and promoting green initiatives through R&D

86 numbers of projects are sanctioned in the last two years, including the current year with an outlay of Rs.37.68 crore.
