LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2839 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018

TEXTILE HUB

2839. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make the country a global textile hub;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken up by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether a number of weavers have claimed that their designed patterns were taken up either by an individual company or an individual who acted as middlemen;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to assist the weaving community under one platform and if so, the details thereof?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा) MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. In order to make India a global textile hub for garments & made ups, the Union Cabinet approved a special package for the apparel and made-ups sector in June 2016 and December 2016 respectively. Under the special package, the Scheme for Rebate of State Levies (RoSL) was announced to rebate the incidence of state levies on export of garments and made-ups to make exports more competitive in the global market.

Additionally, interest subvention @ 3% per annum for pre and post shipment credit is provided to exporters of garments and made ups. Garment & Made up are also being promoted on a sustained basis under the Market Access Initiative Scheme (MAI). Government has also enhanced the rates under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) from 2% to 4% on readymade garments and made ups w.e.f 1st November 2017 till 30th June 2018.

To promote India as a global textile hub, Government is also implementing various schemes including Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS) for skill development in the entire textile value chain, Amended Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme (ATUFS) for technology upgradation and Scheme for Integrated Textiles Park (SITP) for development of infrastructure. Textile India 2017, India's first ever mega textiles trade fair was orgainised in Gandhinagar from 30th June to 2nd July 2017 to promote export and to attract investments in the textile sector.

(c) to (e): No such claims received from weavers by the Government. The Government extends assistance to weavers for the supply of looms, yarn, dying facilities, training, design and marketing, weavers welfare cluster development, etc. through the platform of DC (Handlooms) in the Ministry of Textiles under the following schemes:

- (i) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)
- (ii) Yarn Supply Scheme (YSS)
- (iii) Handloom Comprehensive Weavers Welfare Scheme (HCWWS)
- (iv) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)