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TEXTILE PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken concrete steps to increase the textile production of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Government for increasing the employment generation in textile sector?

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ANSWER

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) to (c): Details of some of the major steps taken by the Government to increase production and employment generation in the Textile Sector are given below:

- i. **Special Package for Textile and Apparel sector:** Rs 6000 cr package was launched in June 2016 to boost employment and export potential in the apparel and made up segments. This package consists of Remission of State Levies for garmenting and made-ups; additional production and employment linked subsidy of 10% under ATUFS for garmenting; assistance for the entire 12% employers' contribution towards EPF; fixed term employment in garmenting; and income tax concessions under section 80JJAA for the garmenting sector.
- ii. **Enhancement of rates under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS):** To further boost exports of apparel & made-up sectors, interest rates under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) has been enhanced from 2% to 4% in Nov 2017.
- iii. **PowerTex India:** A comprehensive scheme for powerloom sector was launched in April, 2017 with an outlay of Rs. 487 crores for three years. This scheme has components relating to loom upgradation; infrastructure creation and concessional access to credit. The scheme has been designed to attract investment of Rs. 1000 crores and employment to 10000 persons in powerloom sector and will also result in higher returns to powerloom units.

- iv. **Amended Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS):** The amended Scheme was launched in January 2016 with an outlay of Rs 17822 Cr. The scheme has been designed to mobilize new investment of about Rs 95 000 cr and employment for 35 lakh persons by the year 2022.
- v. **Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS):** A new scheme with an outlay of Rs 1300 cr has been approved recently on 20 Dec 2017 for providing employment oriented training to 10 lakh people in various segments in textiles including one lakh in traditional sectors.
- vi. **Apparel & Garment Making Projects in North East:** The project has been introduced to promote industrial garmenting in North East. Under this Project plug and play Centres (factories), fully equipped with industrial garmenting machineries have been set up in each NE States and Sikkim. Each Centre is estimated to generate employment for 1200 persons.
- vii. **Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP):** This scheme is implemented in Public Private Partnership mode to attract private investments in developing new clusters of textiles manufacturing. The Government of India provides financial assistance up to 40% of the project within a ceiling of Rs 40 cr. 19 new projects were sanctioned from 2014 onwards
- viii. **National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP):** The programmes aim at holistic development of handloom and handicrafts clusters through integrated approach. The strategic interventions under the programme include financial assistance for new upgraded looms and tool kits, design development, training, easy access to working capital through customized Mudra loan for weavers and artisans and direct marketing support to the weavers and artisans through expos, fair, Buyer seller meet and e commerce.
