LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4488 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018

MARGIN MONEY WITHHELD BY HHEC

4488. SHRI R.PARTHIPAN; SHRI P.K.KUNHALIKUTTY;

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

- (a) Whether Prime Minister Office (PMO) has received representations for release of Margin Money to small enterprises withheld by Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corporation of India Limited (HHEC) on the pretext of difficult financial position:
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the action taken by PMO on the representations;
- (c) Whether HHEC has been blocking Margin Money of small traders inspite of having confirmed the amount payable as on January 04,2018; and
- (d) If so, the action being taken to fix responsibility on officials for blocking Margin Money to small traders and release of these amounts payable by HHEC To small traders?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Textiles had received a representation from Shri Jaiprakash Narayan Singh, Ex-Member of Parliament which was forwarded by Prime Minister's Office for release of margin money to small enterprises with Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation of India Limited (HHEC). A reply has been sent to Shri Jaiprakash Narayan Singh, Ex-Member of Parliament.
- **(c):** No, Madam. HHEC has confirmed that, as on 04.01.2018, no margin money of small traders engaged by them for import of Bullion was pending with the Corporation.

(d): Does not arise.
