

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2748  
TO BE ANSWERED ON. 02.08.2018

JOBLESS WORKERS OF CLOSED TEXTILE MILLS

2748. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- whether a large number of textile workers who have become jobless due to closure of textile units in the country or due to some other reasons and if so, the details thereof;
- whether the Government has any policy for rehabilitation and welfare of these jobless workers and if so, the details thereof;
- whether the Government proposes to impart training to these jobless workers with the help of National Institute of Fashion Technology and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon; and
- whether the Government proposes any special package for the displaced labourers in this sector and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

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

(a) to (d); The details of number of workers employed in textile mills in the last three years are as follows:

2015-16	973232
2016-17	993948
2017-18 *	994123

\* As on 31.10.2017

With a view to supporting the industry and creating employment in the textile sector, the government had launched several policy initiatives and is implementing schemes such as the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), Scheme for Development of Technical Textiles, PowerTex India-the Comprehensive Scheme for the Development of the Powerloom Sector, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector – ‘Samarth’(which is available to any individual seeking assistance for skilling as well as for upgrading skills) ‘Silk Samagra’-the Scheme for Development of Silk and Sericulture sectors and sectoral schemes relating to Handloom, Handicrafts etc, etc. These schemes are aimed at supporting the setting up of new units as well as expansion of existing units which have potential for generating large employment opportunities.

With a view to giving thrust to the employment - oriented garmenting and made-ups sectors, the government launched a Special Package in June and December, 2016 which includes several labour friendly measures and export boosting measures such as the Pradhan Mantri Paridhan Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) where the Ministry funds additional 3.67% of the employers' contribution of EPF in addition to 8.33%, given under PMRPY; additional subsidy under "ATUFS" for apparel and made-ups sectors; Rebate on State levies for apparel and made-up sector; and additional tax incentives for apparel sector.

Further, the Ministry of Textiles has been implementing the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) with effect from 15.09.1986. Under the scheme, interim relief is provided to textile workers rendered unemployed as consequences of permanent closure of private non-SSI mills. This scheme has since been merged with Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana of Ministry of labour & Employment with effect from 01.04.2017.

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