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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1851  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2021

IMPACT OF LOCKDOWN ON TEXTILE SECTOR

1851. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any details regarding the impact of lockdown and economic slowdown during COVID-19 crisis on textile sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of MSMEs in the country which depend upon textile sector for their livelihood along with the investment in the sector;
- (d) the number of MSMEs in Textile sector since 2010; and
- (e) the details of the growth and decline in the textile sector during the last three years along with the details of the factors behind the same?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
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**(a) & (b):** The global pandemic of Covid-19 affected the textile sector initially due to restriction of social gathering, migration of laborers as well as affecting all the stakeholders from farmers to traders/exporters in the value chain. However, the situation has improved in recent months and production and exports have looked up. At the same time, it has opened new window of opportunities which were previously less explored. India became globally the second largest manufacturer of PPEs.

Textiles sector being largely unorganized, no comprehensive information/details regarding impact of lockdown are available. However, level of production fell in jute, silk, etc.

The export of textiles and apparel decreased also for the period January, 2020 to November, 2020 due to the pandemic. But now export orders have started increasing.

**(c) & (d):** No exhaustive data of MSME units in textile sector is available. However, as per the information of M/o Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), the total number of MSMEs registered under Udyog Aadhar Portal (since Sep, 2015 to June, 2020) in manufacturing of textiles and wearing apparel are 651512 and 428864 respectively. MSMEs registered under Udyam portal (since 01.07.2020 to 09.02.2021) in manufacturing of textiles and wearing apparel are 115855 and 85564 respectively.

**(e):** The production of man-made fibre, filament yarn and spun yarn increased during last three years: 2017-18 to 2019-20.

Similarly, the production and exports of Handicrafts also increased during this period.

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