LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2366 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

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

- (a) the manner in which pandemic has affected employment generation in the textile industry, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar;
- (b) whether the employment generation in the textile industry in Uttar Pradesh is much less than the target set during the last five years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (d) the details of the action plan by the Government to increase employment in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar especially in the textile sector;
- (e) whether the Government maintains the figure of the number of people directly affected during the pandemic period in the textile industry; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof including the number of unemployed people at present and the action taken for their rehabilitation?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

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- (a): The global pandemic of Covid-19 affected the Textile sector initially due to restriction of social gathering. However, the situation has improved in recent months and production & exports have looked up. Exports of Textile and Apparel sector during April 2021 to January 2022 is USD 34.495 Billion, posting a growth of 49% over the same period in 2020-21 (USD 23.137 Billion).
- **(b) & (c):** The textile industry is one of the largest sources of employment generation in the country with over 45 million people employed directly. The Government has not fixed target for employment generation in the Textile sector. The State-wise data of employment related to Textile sector is not maintained.

(d) to (f): With a view to attract investment, boost employment generation and position itself strongly in the global textile market, the Government has recently approved Production linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles and Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM-MITRA) Scheme which have potential to generate large scale employment in the sector. In addition, the Government is implementing various schemes viz the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS), Schemes for the development of the Powerloom Sector(Power-Tex), Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP),SAMARTH- The Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector, Jute (ICARE- Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise), Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS), Silk Samagra, National Handloom Development Programme, National Handicraft Development Programme, Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP), National Technical Textile Mission etc. for promotion and development of textile sector on pan-India basis.
