LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2452 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022

SAMARTH SCHEME

2452. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

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

- (a) whether the textile industry in the country is facing shortage of skilled workers, and to address the issue Central Government has launched Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SAMARTH Scheme):
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether SAMARTH Scheme is successful in its objective to promote skilling and skill upgradation in the traditional sectors of handlooms and handicrafts and also provide sustainable livelihood and employment opportunities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a) & (b): A survey for skill gap analysis in textile and clothing sector of India was conducted by the Textiles Committee in May 2018. The survey estimated additional employment to the tune of 62.12 lakh in organised sector by 2020. The study also projected skilling requirement for 30.56 lakh persons in which 23.89 Lakh was for Apparel Sector. In order to address the skill gap across various segments in textile sector, Ministry of Textiles is implementing Samarth- Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (Samarth). The scheme is implemented through State Government Agencies, Textile Industries, Industry Associations/ Councils and Sectoral Organizations of Ministry of Textiles. The scheme launched in 2017-18 has been extended upto March, 2024.
- (c) & (d): The scheme promotes skilling and skill upgradation in the traditional sectors of handlooms, handicrafts, sericulture and jute sectors to enable provision of sustainable livelihood either by wage or self employment to all sections of the society across the country. Segment- wise progress of training programme under Samarth is given below: -

(Data as on: 14.03.2022)

S. No.	Segment	No of Beneficiaries Trained
1	Knitting	206
2	Processing	1,660
3	Garment	45,838
4	Jute	300
5	Handloom	13,817
6	Handicrafts & Carpet	7,701
7	Silk	399
	Total	69,921