LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2776 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022

PRICE OF COTTON YARN

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

- (a) whether hike in cotton yarn prices and freight duty due to Russia-Ukraine war have affected the export business of Panipat by 60 per cent this year and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether the approximate 450 units functioning in Panipat, export handloom products, blankets, bed sheets, cushions and hundreds of other items all over the world and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the price of cotton yarn has increased from Rs.160 per kg to about Rs.330 per kg and the open-end yarn, which was earlier available at Rs 120 per kg, has now reached to mark of Rs.170-190 per kg and if so, the steps taken to redress all the said problems?

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

- (a): Ministry of Textiles has not received such information.
- **(b):** There are around 380 to 400 units functioning in Panipat majorly producing blankets, rugs, bathmats and other such home textile items. The units are mostly MSME and some of the units are also exporting these textiles across the world.
- (c): An overall upward trend has been observed in cotton yarn prices with some fluctuations which is linked to cotton prices. Cotton and cotton yarn prices are dependent on market forces of demand and supply and international prices. Ministry of Textiles is constantly engaged with stakeholders across the entire cotton value chain in respect of the prices of cotton and cotton yarn to harmonize their interest. Ministry of Finance has exempted the customs duty on raw cotton imports upto 31st October 2022. As a result, the yarn prices which were in the range of Rs. 400 to Rs. 440 per kg for 40s Cone combed in the month of April & May 2022, has reduced by Rs. 35 to 40 per kg in the month of July 2022.
