LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2379 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2024

PROTECT TEXTILE INDUSTRY

2379. SHRI AMRINDER SINGH RAJA WARRING:

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

- (a) the details of measures taken by the Government to protect Ludhiana's textile industry from cheaper imports to ensure competitive parity in international markets;
- (b) the current status of the proposed mega textile park and cluster development projects in Ludhiana, and the steps are being taken to expedite their completion;
- (c) the steps are being taken to ensure that Quality Control Orders (QCOs) support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Ludhiana rather than creating additional hurdles for them; and
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce financial relief or subsidies for Ludhiana's textile industry to address operational challenges arising from inflation and market recession?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिटा**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) to (d): The Government of India is implementing various schemes/initiatives to encourage and promote the textile sector on Pan India basis including Ludhiana. The major schemes/initiatives include PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme; Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme focusing on MMF Fabric, MMF Apparel and Technical; National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) focusing on Research Innovation & Development, Promotion and Market Development; SAMARTH-Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector with the objective providing demand driven, placement oriented, skilling program; Silk Samagra-2 for comprehensive development of sericulture value chain.; National Handicraft Development Program etc. Further, the Government of India is implementing National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme to promote handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers across the country.

With a view to of increasing investments, generating employment opportunities and boosting exports in the Textiles sector, the Ministry is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) to provide support for setting up textiles parks with modern infrastructure. Under SITP, three projects have been sanctioned in Punjab and successfully completed including one in Ludhiana namely, Ludhiana Integrated Textiles Park.

Quality Control Orders (QCOs) are implemented by the Government to ensure quality of products in public interest, after due consultation with the stakeholders including industry. Small and Micro Enterprises (including those of Ludhiana) are provided extended timelines for compliance of QCOs, wherever applicable.
