LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3464 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2024

CLOSURE OF JUTE MILLS

3464. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

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

- (a) the number of jobs have been lost due to the closure of the Jute Mills in Bihar during last ten years;
- (b) whether the Government considering restoring jobs by reopening and utilizing these mills to their full capacity; and
- (c) whether the RBHM Jute Mill in Katihar was closed due to a lack of equipment upgrades and machine renovations and if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a) & (b): In Bihar, there are 4 Jute mills including one closed Government Jute mill namely RBHM Jute mill. Out of 4 jute mills, 2 mills are getting Production-cum-Control Supply order (PCSO) of jute bags as per their installed capacity from the Government and remaining one mill produces jute diversified products only.
- (c): Considering the continuous loss in RBHM jute mill, the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in year 2011 approved revival plan of the Mill with Job Work Contract through Outsourced Agencies. Accordingly, all the employees of RBHM were given VRS. However, the targeted production could not be achieved and ultimately in October, 2018, the Government approved the closure of the mill.
