LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2070 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025

IMPACT OF MODERNISATION

2070. SHRI BABU SINGH KUSHWAHA:

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

- (a) the manner in which the impact of modernisation improved the competitiveness of the Indian textile industry at the global level alongwith extent to which its contribution to the Indian economy has increased;
- (b) the data available with the Government about the number of persons who have undergone training in the textile industry and their employment opportunities under the Integrated Skill Development Scheme;
- (c) the status of the housing scheme for textile workers and the number of beneficiaries benefitted through this scheme; and
- (d) the details of initiatives taken by the Government to provide educational facilities for weavers and the type of benefits the weavers are getting from these facilities?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र मंत्री (**श्री गिरिराज सिंह**) MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

- (a): The government's focus on increasing textile manufacturing, modernizing infrastructure, fostering innovation, and upgrading technology has strengthened India's position as a global textile hub. The role of the Government is to ensure conducive policy environment, facilitating in creating enabling conditions for the industry and private entrepreneurs to set up units through its various policy initiatives and schemes. Due to these interventions a number of handloom, powerloom, readymade garments, synthetic yarn and hosiery manufacturing units have been setup across the country.
- **(b):** A total of 11.14 lakh beneficiaries have been trained and 8.43 lakh beneficiaries have been placed under Integrated Skill Development Scheme.
- (c): Government of India had introduced a Scheme Viz. Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) with effect from 15.09.1986 to provide relief to the workers, who are rendered jobless due to permanent closure of Non-SSI Textile Mills in private sector, which are eligible as per the guidelines under the Scheme. TWRFS has been merged with the Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana (RGSKY) of Ministry of Labour and Employment under Notification No. S.O.1081(E) dated 06.04.2017 and discontinued TWRFS w.e.f 01.04.2017. Workers rendered jobless can avail benefits under the above scheme, subject to eligibility.
- (d): Government of India, Ministry of Textiles has taken an initiative from October, 2021 onwards for providing Financial Support as Scholarship maximum upto Rs.2.00 lakh per annum per child including stipend of Rs.5,000/- per month to handloom weavers/workers' children (upto 2 children) for study in 3/4 years Diploma/Under Graduate/Post Graduate courses of Central/State Govt. recognized/funded 'Textiles Institution under Handloom Weavers' Welfare, one of the components of National Handloom Development Programme.
