LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1463 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2025

PROMOTION OF TEXTILES PRODUCTS

1463. SHRI VISHALDADA PRAKASHBAPU PATIL: DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE: SMT. BHARTI PARDHI: SHRI NARESH GANPAT MHASKE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the current status of the textile and garment industry in Maharashtra, including production, exports, employment generation and contribution to the State's economy and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken to promote handloom, handicraft and powerloom sectors in Maharashtra during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has introduced or plans to introduce schemes to enhance skill development, modernisation of textile units, and technological upgradation in Maharashtra's textile sector;
- (d) the measures undertaken to promote Maharashtra's textile products in national and international markets and improve competitiveness; and
- (e) whether the Government has a long-term strategy to ensure sustainable growth, fair wages and environmental compliance in the textile industry in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a): Yes. As per the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2023-24 of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the State has 1,938 textile and apparel factories in operation engaging 2,10,588 persons across key segments such as spinning, weaving, finishing, apparel manufacturing, knitted apparel and man-made fibres. The contribution of the state of Maharashtra to Textiles and Apparel exports, including Handicrafts during FY 2024-25 was valued at USD 3,971 Million (Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics).
- (b) to (d): To promote the handloom, handicraft and powerloom segments, the Ministry is implementing various schemes such as the National Handloom Development Programme, Raw Material Supply Scheme, National Handicrafts Development Programme, Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme, Comprehensive Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme (CPCDS), Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks, Pradhan Mantri-Mega Integrated Textiles Region and Apparel Parks (PM-MITRA) Scheme and Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme across the country including state of Maharashtra to provide end-to-end support for raw materials, design development, skill upgradation, cluster development and marketing.

To enhance skill development, modernisation of textile units, and technological upgradation in the textile value chain, the Government is implementing various schemes such as Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SAMARTH), Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) and the National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM), which focus on building skilled manpower, promoting innovation and encouraging adoption of advanced technologies across the country including the state of Maharashtra.

To improve the competitiveness of the textile sector in the domestic and international market, the Government has taken various steps such as exemption of import duty on Cotton, rationalisation of GST rates, implementation of RoSCTL and RoDTEP and Free Trade Agreements with various nations.

(e): The Government is committed to promoting sustainable and inclusive growth of the textile sector through measures aimed at improving productivity, encouraging investments, strengthening environmental compliance and expanding equitable employment opportunities including for women and marginalised communities. Further, the Government has approved setting up of 7 (Seven) PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks in Greenfield/Brownfield sites. PM MITRA Parks is envisaged to help in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 9 ("Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation").
