

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2792
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH JULY, 2019**

LABOUR FORCE ENGAGED IN TEXTILE MILLS

2792. SHRI. ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that textile industry is the second largest source of employment in the country;**
- (b) how many labour force are engaged in private and Government controlled textile mills during the last three years; and**
- (c) whether Government labour welfare schemes are equally implemented in both the sectors, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. As per the latest available Annual Survey of Industries which provides employment only in the organized manufacturing (both private and Public) sector, employment in the Textiles and Wearing Apparel were 25.27 lakh in 2014-15, 26.48 lakh in 2015-16 and 26.97 lakh in 2016-17.

(c): Government has been implementing various schemes for welfare and development of textile workers/ weavers including handicraft artisans which inter-alia include the following:-

(i) Under the Group Insurance scheme for powerloom workers, insurance cover is provided to all the powerloom weavers/workers in the case of natural death, accidental death as well as partial and permanent disability due to accident. Additionally, the weavers/workers enrolled under this scheme are entitled for educational grant of Rs. 600/- per child half-yearly for two children studying in 9th to 12th standard for a maximum period of 4 years. Under the scheme, total number of powerloom weavers/ workers enrolled was 1.11 lakh in 2015-16, 1.32 lakh in 2016-17 and 1.62 lakh in 2017-18.

(ii) Under the “Textile Workers Rehabilitations Fund Scheme (TWRFS)” which has been merged with the Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana (RGSKY) of the Ministry of Labour & Employment, the textile workers who rendered jobless due to permanent closure of the mills, are provided a relief of 75% of the wage employment in the first year; 50% in the second and 25% in the third year.

(iii) Under the “Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, (HWCWS)”, life and accidental insurance are provided to handloom weavers/workers in the age groups of 18-50 years. It was, then, converged under Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY). The HWCWS has been merged under “Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana” (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY). Total of targeted enrollment of weavers/workers under the PMJJBY and converged MGBBY are 5.32 lakh for 2017-18 and 6.65 lakh for 2018-19 which include 3.84 lakh for general states and 2.84 lakh for North Eastern States. As add on benefit to the above, scholarship @ Rs. 180/- per month per child is provided to a maximum of two children of the beneficiaries studying 9th to 12th standard.

(iv) Further for welfare of handicraft artisans such as health and life insurance, recognition, extending credit facilities, supply of tools and equipments to the artisans, programmes being implemented are:-

- (a) Rajiv Gandhi Shilpi Swasthya Bima Yojana (RGSSBY) on hold;**
- (b) Bima Yojana for Handicrafts Artisans Aam Admi Bima Yojana (AABY)**
- (c) Support to artisans in indigent circumstances**
- (d) Credit Guarantee Scheme.**
- (e) Interest Subvention Scheme**
- (f) Issue of Identify Cards and creation of data-base**
