

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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VRS IN JUTE MILLS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has approved offer of voluntary retirement to all the employees of National Jute Mills Corporation (NJMC);
- (b) if so, the number of employees who have sought VRS
- (c) whether Government has accepted VRS of the employees who have applied for and the amount released to them under VRS;
- (d) if so, the number of employees who received payment of VRS;
- (e) whether the Government has considered the economic viability of NJMC's Kinnison and Khardah mills and referred those two mills to BIFR.;
- (f) if so, the number of employees seek voluntary retirement in Kinnison and Khardah mills;
- (g) whether Government has any proposal to revive the sick jute mills; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILE (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

- (a) Yes Sir. The Competent Authority has approved a proposal to offer VRS to all the employees of NJMC as per DPE guidelines.
- (b), (c) & (d) 16,053 employees have opted for VRS. The NJMC management is in the process of scrutinizing the dues payable to the employees and their eligibility.
- (e) The Ministry of Textiles has referred the proposal to revive two mills, namely Kinnison and Khardah of NJMC, to the Board For Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE).
- (f) 3450 workmen of Kinnisson mills and 1685 workmen of Khardah mills have applied for VRS as on 24.11.2005.
- (g) & (h) The Ministry of Textiles facilitates the revival and modernisation of Jute mills through Schemes like the JMDC Incentive Scheme for Modernisation of Jute Industry and the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS).