

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1973
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2021

CLOSURE OF MINERVA MILLS UNIT

1973. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of closure of Minerva mills unit of Hassan district, Karnataka since 25.03.2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for closure of Hassan unit of Minerva mills whereas Kerala and Tamil Nadu units started functioning after easing of lockdown;
- (d) the action taken /being taken by the Government for reopening of Minerva mills;
- (e) whether the Government is aware of plight of employees of the Minerva mills; and
- (f) if so, the details of salary/compensation paid to the employees during this period?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) to (f): Yes, Sir. Due to Covid-19 pandemic and nationwide lockdown imposed by the various State Governments, the production activities in all National Textile Corporation (NTC) Limited mill units including Minerva mill unit were put on hold since 25.03.2020. During this period, the employees were paid salary regularly as per their status by NTC out of its cash reserve. After lifting up of the lockdown and as per availability of raw material, NTC restored operation of 14 mill units from January 2021 onwards. The second wave of Covid-19 pandemic again led to closure of all NTC mill operations in April, 2021. Now NTC has restored operations in some of its mills in July, 2021 as per raw material availability.
