

Crunch-hit Odia workers return home

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BERHAMPUR: Odia textile workers' have begun to return from their workplaces in Surat and Ahmedabad in Gujarat as textile units, where they were employed, have closed down or cut operations short following the problem of wage payment after demonetisation.

Like spinning mills, other textile manufacturing units like weaving, manufacturing and embroidery factories had been paying wages in cash to workers, most of whom do not have bank accounts there.

"Instead of sitting idle, we decided to return to our villages," said Sanjay Pradhan, a mill worker from Pailipada.

Over eight lakh Odia workers are employed in diferent power looms in Surat. "We will inquire into the matter," said Berhampur district labour officer, Siba Narayan Sahu.