

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO-\*114  
ANSWERED ON- 11/02/2022

**WEST BENGAL'S POTENTIAL TO BECOME COMPETITIVE TEXTILE HUB**

\*114. SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that West Bengal has the potential to become a competitive textile hub;
- (b) whether the Ministry has provided any kind of financial, technological assistance etc. to improve textile productivity in the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

**(a) to (c):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. \*114 for answer on 11.02.2022 by SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI regarding “West Bengal’s potential to become competitive textile hub”.**

(a): The Government has been implementing various schemes viz. the Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (A-TUFS), Schemes for the development of the Powerloom Sector (Power-Tex), Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), SAMARTH- The Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector, Jute (ICARE- Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise), Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS), Silk Samagra 2, National Handloom Development Programme, National Handicraft Development Programme, Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP), National Technical Textile Mission, PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, Rebate of State and central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) etc. to make the textile sector more competitive across the country including in the state of West Bengal.

(b) & (c): The following initiatives have been undertaken in the State of West Bengal which includes financial, technological assistance etc to improve textile productivity:

- i. Under ATUFS, 197 Unique Identification Numbers (UIDs) have been issued for projects worth Rs 1,263.05 crores with provisional subsidy value of Rs. 75.59 Crore and employment support to more than 54,000 persons in textile units located in West Bengal.
- ii. Under Silk Samagra scheme, Rs. 620.81 lakhs has been allocated/released during the last five years (2016-17 to 2020-21) for promotion of silk industry in West Bengal.
- iii. Powerloom Service Centre, Ranaghat is providing technical & skill development support to strengthen the Textile Industries in West Bengal. An amount of Rs. 5.60 lakhs was released to 12 powerloom units in West Bengal for upgrading 23 plain looms under Insitu Scheme.
- iv. 2 parks under SITP have been sanctioned and details of the parks are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of the park	GOI share (In crores)	Total govt grant released (In crores)
1	EIGMEF Apparel Park Ltd., Sayed Amir Ali, Kolkata	40.00	31.61
2	Hosiery Park, Howrah, West Bengal	28.06	25.25

- v. Financial assistance of Rs. 59.07 crore in the form of grant in aid has been provided to the eligible handloom agencies of West Bengal during the period 2014-15 to 2021-22 for implementation of various projects/marketing events under National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme.

vi. **Schemes in Jute Sector:**

- a) Government has been implementing a project called Jute-ICARE (Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise) for the last seven years in a phased manner for improvement of jute fibre quality, productivity and farmers’ income throughout the country including West Bengal. The details are at **Annexure**.

- b) **Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plant and Machinery (ISAPM):** For modernization of jute industry in West Bengal, 50 jute mills/ Jute Diversified Products (JDP) units were provided incentives of Rs 7,327.88 lakh under the scheme during 2014-15 to 2020-21.
- c) **Export Market Development Assistance Scheme:** In West Bengal, during 2014-15 to 2019-20, 62 registered jute exporters were provided assistance of Rs 1,705.98 lakh under the scheme.
- d) **Retail Outlet of Jute Diversified Products and Bulk Supply Scheme:** In West Bengal, during 2014-15 to 2020-21, 14 jute entrepreneurs were provided assistance of Rs 187.28 lakh under the scheme.
- e) **Scholarship Scheme for the girl children of the workers of jute mills and MSME-JDP Units:** In West Bengal, during 2014-15 to 2020-21, 22,967 girl children were provided scholarship of Rs 1,690.28 lakh and also during 2014-15 to 2019-20, 62 registered jute exporters were provided assistance of Rs 1,705.98 lakh under the scheme.

**ANNEXURE****Physical progress of Jute-ICARE are as follows:**

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>ICARE-I (2015-16)</b>	<b>ICARE-II (2016-17)</b>	<b>ICARE-III (2017-18)</b>	<b>ICARE-IV (2018-19)</b>	<b>ICARE-V (2019-20)</b>	<b>ICARE-VI (2020-21)</b>	<b>ICARE-VII (2021-22)</b>
No. of Jute growing block / state covered	3 Blocks under W.B	9 Blocks under W.B	18 Blocks under W.B	40 Blocks under W.B	45 blocks under W.B	80 blocks under WB	87 blocks under WB
Land covered(Ha)	8,000	17,000	45,000	64,200	69,000	72,000	81,250
No. of farmers covered	13,790	26,634	65,518	1,23,565	1,55,871	1,65,742	1,92,000

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