

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO-*187
ANSWERED ON- 17/03/2023

STATUS OF PM MITRA SCHEME AND NTTM

*187. SHRI P. WILSON:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons as to why no decision has been made as to, which all States will establish the 7 Textile Parks under PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) scheme even after States like Tamil Nadu have shown keen interest;
- (b) the update and funds disbursed to Tamil Nadu under National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) for elevating Tamil Nadu with respect to technical textiles such as Oekotech, BuildTech, Meditech, Geotech, Clothtech, Mobiltech;
- (c) whether any measures have been taken to protect handloom weavers and generate employment in handloom industry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 187 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 17.03.2023 RAISED BY SHRI P. WILSON ON ‘STATUS OF PM MITRA SCHEME AND NTTM’

(a): Government has approved setting up of 7 (seven) PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks in Greenfield/Brownfield sites, to develop world class infrastructure including plug and play facility with an outlay of Rs. 4,445 crore in a period of seven years upto 2027-28. 18 proposals from 13 State Governments including Tamil Nadu have been received. The proposals are being evaluated through a challenge method as provided in the Scheme Guidelines. The selection of sites for PM MITRA Parks is at an advanced stage.

(b): With a view to position the country as a global leader in Technical Textiles, National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) has been approved at a total outlay of Rs.1,480 Crore; with a four year implementation period from FY 2020-21 to 2023-24. So far, 89 research projects worth Rs. 264 Cr has been awarded to premier research institutes of the country, under NTTM for undertaking research in the field of technical textiles. Segment wise breakup of research projects is as under:-

| S. No. | Segment | No of Projects |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Protech | 17 |
| 2 | Geotech | 14 |
| 3 | Meditech | 12 |
| 4 | Indutech | 12 |
| 5 | Agrotech | 11 |
| 6 | Mobiltech | 10 |
| 7 | Sustainable Textiles | 4 |
| 8 | Speciality Fibres | 3 |
| 9 | Smart & E-Textiles | 3 |
| 10 | Buildtech | 2 |
| 11 | Packtech | 1 |
| | Total | 89 |

Against 6 research projects sanctioned to research institutes situated in the State of Tamil Nadu, Rs. 4.80 cr have been released till date. The details are as under:-

| S.No. | Segment | Institute Name | Project Cost |
|--------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Specialty Fiber | South India Textiles Research Institute (SITRA), Coimbatore | 1,89,65,000 |
| 2 | Agrotech | South India Textiles Research Institute (SITRA), Coimbatore | 50,00,000 |
| 3 | Geotech | National Institute of Technology, Trichy | 30,00,000 |
| 4 | Composites | Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai | 83,00,000 |
| 5 | Specialty Fiber | Indian Institute of Technology, Madras | 1,00,00,000 |
| 6 | Protech | Indian Institute of Technology, Madras | 26,90,000 |
| | Total | | 4,79,55,000 |

(c) & (d): To protect the interest of handloom workers, Government of India has promulgated Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985. 11 textiles articles with some technical specifications are exclusively reserved for production on handlooms.

Employment generation in the Handloom sector is through facilitation under various Government Schemes like Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (HSS), a component of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP), where weavers are provided improved looms & accessories and MUDRA loans at concessional rate, a component of NHDP. Also, Handloom workers are provided training for up-gradation of their skills.

Besides, the Government is implementing following schemes to promote handloom sector and ensure welfare of handloom weavers across the country:-

1. National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP);
2. Raw Material Supply Scheme(RMSS)

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided to the eligible handloom agencies/weavers for Raw materials, Looms & accessories, Infrastructure development, Design & Product development, Marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, Weavers MUDRA Loans etc.
