

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1595**  
ANSWERED ON- 01/08/2025

**DECLINE OF SILK WEAVING IN BHAGALPUR**

1595. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that a large number of silk weavers in Bhagalpur, Bihar, have left the weaving profession due to declining orders, rising costs and lack of support;
- (b) whether Government has reviewed the current status of Bhagalpur's silk industry and the reasons for its decline, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to include Bhagalpur in the PM-MITRA Textile Parks Scheme to revive employment and improve infrastructure for weavers, and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

**(a) & (b):** The Government under Silk Samagra-2 scheme (2021–22 to 2025–26) have approved projects worth ₹90.34 crore for Bihar, with a central share of ₹52.85 crore (including ₹11.53 crore for Bhagalpur) for development of sericulture sector. Further, under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS), assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/weavers/workers for raw materials, loom upgradation & accessories, solar lighting units, workshops construction, product diversification, design innovation, technical and common infrastructure, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas market, concessional loans under the Weavers' MUDRA Scheme, and enrollment under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana as social security measures. To promote traditional and indigenous handloom fabrics, Bhagalpur Silk has been registered under the GI Act, 1999. Additionally, a Mega Handloom Cluster has also been taken up in Bhagalpur.

Further, the State Government also support to weavers of Bhagalpur through subsidy on electricity bill, facilitating participation in State and national level fairs, training.

**(c):** So far, seven PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks have been approved at Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu), Warangal (Telangana), Navsari (Gujarat), Kalaburagi (Karnataka), Dhar (Madhya Pradesh), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), and Amravati (Maharashtra).

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