GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED OUESTION NO-797

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MODERNISATION OF HANDLOOMS AND SUPPORT FOR WEAVERS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

797. SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry proposes to establish textile clusters or mega parks under the PM-MITRA scheme in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether steps are being taken to promote indigenous textiles through international trade expos;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Central Government proposes to extend patenting and e-commerce support to traditional weaving communities in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) & (b): With a view to increasing investments, generating employment opportunities and boosting exports in the textile sector, the Ministry is implementing Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP) to provide support for setting up textile parks with world-class, state-of-the-art infrastructure in textile hubs across the country. The scheme was in implementation upto 31.03.2021, however, the Scheme has now been subsumed under the umbrella Scheme of Textile Cluster Development Scheme (TCDS) for completing ongoing projects only. Under SITP, 4 textile parks have been approved in Andhra Pradesh and a total GoI share of Rs. 114 crore has been released so far.

In addition to above, the Government has finalized setting up of PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks at 7 sites viz. Tamil Nadu (Virudhnagar), Telangana (Warangal), Gujarat (Navasari), Karnataka (Kalaburagi), Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow), Madhya Pradesh (Dhar), and Maharashtra (Amravati) with an outlay of Rs. 4,445 cr for a period of seven years upto 2027-28. Currently, no proposal is under consideration to establish a PM MITRA Park in Andhra Pradesh.

- (c) & (d): Under the Handloom Marketing Assistance (HMA), a component of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) scheme, participation of handloom exporters/weavers in various International marketing events/fairs, India International Trade Fair, Buyer Seller Meet, Reverse Buyer Seller Meet, major national and international events, Bharat Tex etc, are organized through Handloom Export Promotion Council for promoting exports of handlooms. In addition, an e-commerce portal (https://www.indiahandmade.com/ has already been launched to support the handloom sector for online marketing of handloom products of weavers across country including Andhra Pradesh.
- (e): In addition to above, the Textiles Committee of Ministry of Textiles has been facilitating registration of textile and craft products under GI Act'1999. As on 30th November 2025, 7 unique Textile & Textile Crafts of Andhra Pradesh have been registered under GI registration under Geographical Indications (GI) Act'1999.
