

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3993
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TEXTILE-BASED EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN KBK REGION

3993. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that lack of industrial infrastructure in western Odisha contributes to unemployment and distress migration;
- (b) whether establishment of an Integrated Textile Park in Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) region is under active consideration to create local employment;
- (c) the estimated employment potential of such a textile park; and
- (d) the timeline within which Government proposes to take a decision in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) to (d): With the aim to develop large scale and integrated world class industrial facilities, the Government has approved setting up of 7 mega textile parks under PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions & Apparel Park (PM MITRA) Scheme. All States were invited to send their proposals for setting up of parks under the scheme. In response, 18 proposals were received from 13 States including one from Government of Odisha for setting up a a park under the scheme at Ganjam. After evaluating the proposals through a transparent challenge matrix, the Government finalized 7 sites at Tamil Nadu (Virudhnagar), Telangana (Warangal), Gujarat (Navasari), Karnataka (Kalaburagi), Madhya Pradesh (Dhar), Uttar Pradesh (Lucknow) and Maharashtra (Amravati) for setting up PM MITRA Parks.

In the Union Budget2026-27 ,an announcement was made regarding setting up of Mega Textile Parks in challenge mode .In order to ensure early sanction and quick implementation of the Scheme ,the Ministry has initiated a process of stakeholder consultation with State Governments and other stakeholders. It has also constituted a Joint Working Group to discuss eligibility criteria, selection process and evaluation parameters.

The Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO) has acquired Govt. land measuring 88.50 acres at village Golamunda under Golamunda Tahasil for a MSME park. Further, infrastructure work is in progress for another IDCO led MSME Park in Kesinga (Kurlupada) over an area of 47.69 acres.

In addition, for promotion of textile sector in the state, the Government of Odisha has also formulated the “Odisha Apparel Policy–2016 (OAP-2016)” in 2016 and the “Odisha Apparel and Technical Textiles Policy–2022 (OATTP-2022)” in 2022, which aims to attract new investments and accelerate the growth of the textile sector in the State, which will help reduce unemployment, distress migration, and also promote reverse migration in Western Odisha.
