

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROMOTION OF SOLAPUR TEXTILE CLUSTER FOR GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

798 # DR. JYOTI NAGNATH WAGHMARE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the special steps being taken under the 'Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel' (PM MITRA) scheme to make the Solapur textile cluster in Maharashtra globally competitive;
- (b) the number of local weavers and women artisans in Solapur provided with modern technical training and employment under the Samarth Scheme during the last three years; and
- (c) whether Government is providing international marketing assistance under the 'One District One Product' (ODOP) initiative to promote the export of the famous 'GI Tagged' bed sheets and towels of Solapur?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a): Ministry of Textiles (MoT) has launched PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Parks (MITRAs) Scheme in October 2021 to strengthen the Indian textile industry by way of enabling scale of operations, reduce logistics cost by housing entire value chain at one location, attract investment, generate employment and augment export potential. The scheme will develop integrated large scale and modern industrial infrastructure facility for total value-chain of the textile industry.

The Government has approved setting up of 7 (Seven) PM MITRA Parks in country with world class infrastructure including plug and play facility with an outlay of Rs. 4,445 cr for a period of seven years upto 2027-28 including one in Maharashtra (Amravati). This park will make Maharashtra globally competitive in textile sector.

(b): Samarth (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector) of Ministry of Textiles provides demand driven, placement-oriented skilling programmes to supplement the efforts of the Indian textile industries in creating jobs in the organized textile and related sectors, covering the entire value chain of textiles, excluding Spinning and Weaving in organized sector, on pan India basis. During last three years, a total of 252 beneficiaries, including weavers and women artisans, have been trained (pass) under the Samarth Scheme in Solapur district. Out of these, 146 beneficiaries have been provided placement.

(c): For ODOP initiative, the state government is focusing on holistic socio-economic growth across all regions of Maharashtra by attracting investments and employment generation in all the districts. Efforts for strengthening districts by innovation/ use of technology to make them competitive with domestic as well as international market. Further the District Export Promotion Committees (DEPCs) constituted at district level are conducting activities like Outreach programs, Export Haats, Stakeholder consultations, Knowledge sessions organized for ODOP products at district level to encourage export in all districts including Solapur.
