

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2729  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02/08/2018

BENEFITS TO TEXTILE INDUSTRY

2729. SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA:  
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Will the Minister of Textiles वस्त्र मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has given any benefits to the textile industry in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजय टम्टा)  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) & (b): The Government has taken a large number of initiatives for the support of textile industry in the country. Details of some of the major steps taken by the Government are given below:

- i. **Special Package for Textile and Apparel sector:** Rs 6000 crores package was launched in June 2016 to boost employment and export potential in the apparel and made up segments. This package consists of Remission of State Levies for garmenting and made-ups; additional production and employment linked subsidy of 10% under ATUFS for garmenting; assistance for the entire 12% employers' contribution towards EPF; fixed term employment in garmenting, increasing overtime caps; and income tax concessions under section 80JJAA for the garmenting sector.
- ii. **Enhancement of rates under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS):** To further boost exports of apparel & made-up sectors, interest rates under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) has been enhanced from 2% to 4% in Nov 2017.
- iii. **PowerTex India:** A comprehensive scheme for powerloom sector was launched in April, 2017 with an outlay of Rs. 487 crores for three years. This scheme has components relating to loom upgradation; infrastructure creation and concessional access to credit. The scheme has been designed to attract investment of Rs. 1000 crores and employment to 10000 persons in power-loom sector and will also result in higher returns to power-loom units.
- iv. **Amended Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS):** The amended Scheme was launched in January 2016 with an outlay of Rs 17822 Crores. The scheme has been designed to mobilize new investment of about Rs 95 000 cr and employment for 35 lakh persons by the year 2022.
- v. **SAMARTH- The Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS):** A new scheme with an outlay of Rs 1300 crores has been approved recently in December, 2017 for providing employment oriented training to 10 lakh people in various segments in textiles including one lakh in traditional sectors, by March, 2020.
- vi. **Apparel & Garment Making Projects in North East:** These projects were introduced to promote industrial garmenting in the North East. Under this Project plug and play Centres (factories), fully equipped with industrial garmenting machineries have been set up in each NE States and Sikkim. Each Centre is designed to generate employment for 1200 persons.

- vii. **North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme(NERTPS):** To promote textiles industry in the North Eastern Region by providing infrastructure, capacity building and marketing support to all segments of textile industry. The scheme has an outlay of Rs. 500 crores during 2017-18 to 2019-20. Under Sericulture, 24 projects have been approved covering Mulberry, Eriand Muga sectors in all North Eastern States. The total cost of these projects is Rs. 819.19 crores with Government of India share of Rs. 690.01 crores for implementation from 2014-15 to 2018-19.
- viii. **Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP):** This scheme is implemented in Public Private Partnership mode to attract private investments in developing new clusters of textiles manufacturing. The Government of India provides financial assistance up to 40% of the project within a ceiling of Rs 40 crores. 19 new projects were sanctioned from 2014 onwards
- ix. **National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP):** These programmes aim at holistic development of handloom and handicrafts clusters through integrated approach. The strategic interventions under the programme include financial assistance for new upgraded looms and tool kits, design development, training, easy access to working capital through customized Mudra loan for weavers and artisans and direct marketing support to the weavers and artisans through expos, fair, Buyer seller meet and e commerce.
- x. **Deendayal Hastkala Sankul (Trade Centre & Museum),Varanasi:** The State of the art Trade Center and Craft Museum - Deendayal Hastkala Sankul has been set up in Varanasi in to help the artisans and weavers of Varanasi and neighboring areas to showcase their skills to the world, and also boost the tourism potential of Varanasi.
- xi. **Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP):** Government of India has recently approved IWDP for implementation during 2017-18 to 2019-20 after integrating and rationalization of various schemes for holistic growth of wool sector by providing support to entire chain of wool sector from wool rearer to end consumer to increase the wool production as well as its quality.
- xii. **Silk Samagra:** Government of India has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme “Silk Samgra” for development of sericulture in the country with the components; Research & Development, Training, Transfer of Technology and I.T Initiatives, Seed Organisations, Coordination and Market Development and, Quality Certification Systems(QCS)/ Export Brand Promotion and Technology Upgradation.
- xiii. **Jute ICARE:** A project Jute ICARE (Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise) was introduced in 2015 for improving productivity and quality of raw jute through carefully designed interventions. The project has benefitted more than 1.33 lakhs farmers in various states in the country.
- xiv. **Jute Packaging Material (JPM) act, 1987:** Under the norms 90 % reservation for packing of food grains and 20% for packing of sugar in the Jute bags has been prescribed.

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