

TEXTILES AND HANDICRAFT POLICY

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any Textile and Handicraft Policy during the last three years and if so, the salient features thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has set up textile and handicraft clusters at various places to boost textile and handicraft industries and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a big cloth/textile market in Agartala city, Tripura;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to boost textile/cloth industries in Agartala city, Tripura; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

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(a) to (e): Government has been implementing various policy initiatives and programmes for development of textiles and handicrafts particularly for technology upgradation, infrastructure creation, skill development, etc. including Amended Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme (ATUFS), PowerTex India Scheme, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks, SAMARTH- scheme for capacity building in Textile Sector, Silk Samagra- integrated silk development scheme, North Eastern Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS), the National Handicraft Development Programme (NHDP) and the Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS), etc.

The Government also launched a special package to boost investment, employment and exports in the garmenting and made-up sector. The Special package was designed to create upto one crore jobs, and boost exports by US \$ 31 billion and attract investment of Rs.80,000 crores in 3 years. So far, it has generated additional exports of Rs.5,728 crores and additional investments of Rs.25,345 crores.

Under the ATUFS, an amount of Rs.17,822 crores was approved for providing one-time capital subsidy to eligible machinery for seven years from 2015-16 to 2021-22 (including committed liability of Rs.12,671 crores and Rs.5,151 crores for new cases). Rs. 8,078.94 crores has so far been released under the scheme.

The Government has set up an Apparel and Garment Making Centre (consisting of 3 Units installed each with 100 stitching machineries) at Bodhjunnagar, Agartala under the NERTPS at a total cost of Rs.18.18 crore. Under NERTPS, a Silk Printing Unit has also been set up at Agartala at a cost of Rs.3.71 crore with a capacity to print and process about 1.5 lakh meters of silk fabric per annum. To promote handloom sector in Tripura, Government sanctioned 3 Block Level Clusters with Rs. 4.28 crore, 44 marketing events with Rs.2.41 crore, 9 Mudra loans (Rs.3 lakh) and enrolled 9,367 weavers/artisans under Health Insurance Scheme and 2,718 weavers/artisans under Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana. Statement containing state-wise details of number of handicraft clusters is given at **Annexure**.

Annexure

State-wise details of number of handicraft clusters

S. No.	States/UTs	No of working Cluster (handicrafts)
1	Andhra Pradesh	2
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2
3	Assam	66
4	Bihar	5
5	Chhattisgarh	6
6	New Delhi	1
7	Goa	1
8	Gujarat	49
9	Haryana	2
10	Himachal Pradesh	2
11	J&K	13
12	Jharkhand	3
13	Kerala	3
14	Karnataka	2
15	Madhya Pradesh	33
16	Maharashtra	7
17	Manipur	44
18	Meghalaya	1
19	Mizoram	3
20	Nagaland	7
21	odisha	11
22	Punjab	1
23	Tamil Nadu	1
24	Telangana	5
25	Tripura	5
26	Uttar Pradesh	75
27	Uttarakhand	9
28	West Bengal	8
29	Rajasthan	1
30	Andaman & Nicobar	2
	Total	370