

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5380  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023

PROMOTION OF INDIAN TEXTILE AND HANDLOOM INDUSTRIES

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy for promotion of Indian textile and handloom industry during the last three years and if so, the number of schemes and programmes launched during the last three years by the Government, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has identified some reasons including shortage of raw materials, increase in the textile input prices, obsolete machinery, power shortage, heavy excise duties and sick mills etc. for the stagnation of the Indian textile industry;
- (c) if so, the action plan formulated by the Government to resolve these problems;
- (d) the details of the ways to promote domestic manufacturing and exports in the sector;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any initiative to train and enhance skill of workers working in handloom industry to grow their productivity; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)  
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

**(a) to (d):** Government is implementing various schemes viz. the SAMARTH- Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks, Integrated Processing Development Scheme, Silk Samagra 2.0, Jute (ICARE- Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise), Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme, Raw Material Supply Scheme, National Handicraft Development Programme, Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme, Integrated Wool Development Programme etc. catering exclusively for promotion and development of textile sector in the country.

Also, In order to promote the handloom sector and to overcome the problems faced by handloom weavers and ensure their welfare, Government is implementing the National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme across the country. Under these schemes, end to end support is provided to handloom weavers for raw materials, looms & upgraded accessories, skilling, infrastructure development, design & product development, marketing in domestic/overseas markets, MUDRA loans etc. The key requirements of sector include support and hand holding of handloom workers towards making of handloom products, both by way of raw material supply and loom upgradation, as well as marketing support for sale of these products. The Government, through its dedicated schemes to support the handloom sector, keeps working for fulfilment of these requirements.

Further, the Government has taken following major initiatives/ measures in textile sector to revive the textile industry on pan-India basis addressing the decline in production arising out of the international market situation impacting demand:

- i) Government on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 has announced that Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region parks Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks would be set up in various States viz. Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. These parks will enable the textile industry to become globally competitive, attract large investment and boost employment generation. It is expected that about 1 lakh direct and 2 lakh indirect employment will be generated through each park.
- ii) Government has approved the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, with an approved outlay of Rs 10,683 crore for 5 years period i.e. during FY 2025-26 to FY 2029-30 to promote production of MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Products of Technical Textiles in the country to enable Textile sector to achieve size and scale and to become competitive.
- iii) The scheme of Rebate of State and central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) effective from March 2019 has been continued till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 for Exports of Apparel / Garments and made-ups in order to make the textile sector competitive in international market.
- iv) Government has allocated an outlay of Rs.1,480 Crore under National Technical Textiles Mission with a four year implementation period from FY 2020-21 to 2023-24 for advance research and innovation in Technical Textiles sector. Research topics in 94 categories covering; speciality fibres and composites, geotextiles, agro textiles, protective textiles, medical textiles, defence textiles, sports textiles, and environmentally friendly/biodegradable technical textiles have been identified and research proposals invited. Eighty Nine (89) research projects covering research institutes like IITs, DRDO (Defence Research & Development Organization) CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) and Textiles Research Associations, with total estimated cost of Rs.264 Crore has been approved.

**(e) & (f):** Need-based skill upgradation training is provided in technical areas i.e. weaving, dyeing/printing and designing etc. through Weaver Service Centre under SAMARTH Scheme of Ministry of Textiles. During 2014-15 to 2022-23 (as on 28.02.2023), 74,565 handloom workers have been provided training to upgrade their skill and to grow their productivity.

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