

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2987
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022

PASHMINA DEVELOPMENT

2987. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

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

- (a) the details of the progress made on the development of Pashmina in Ladakh;
- (b) whether the Government has new project on Pashmina sectors on awareness, training, marketing, procurement of dehairing machine and promotion upto rural villages of UT of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the future plans for continuation of sustaining Nomadic culture, promotion of Pashmina growers, handloom and handicraft in UT of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any initiative for having GI tagging of Pashmina in Ladakh and J&K, if so, the details thereof and if not, the proposed plan for GI tag or equivalent for promotion of Pashmina; and
- (e) the reasons behind repeated delay in the shipment/execution of the newly sanctioned dehairing plant in Leh Ladakh?

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

(a): Government of India has implemented Reconstruction Plan for UT of Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh during financial year 2017-18 to 2021-22. Progress made on the development of Pashmina in UT of Ladakh is annexed.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Textiles has approved Pashmina Wool Development Scheme under Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP) with a budget allocation of Rs.29.25 Cr. for implementation during FY from 2021-22 to 2025-26. Provision has been made to provide financial assistance in form of Revolving Fund for procurement/marketing of pashmina wool in UT of Ladakh and UT of J&K. A project to set up Dehairing plant along with ancillary machines at Leh, UT of Ladakh with project cost of Rs.19.75 Cr. has been sanctioned and out of it Rs.12.92 Cr. has been released. A provision has been made under the HRD component of IWDP regarding awareness and training to wool growers including UT of Jammu & Kashmir as well as pashmina Nomads of UT of Ladakh region.

(d): A project for registering pashmina wool of Ladakh region under Geographical Indication (GI) Act with a cost of Rs.15.00 Lakh has been sanctioned in favour of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh. An application for registering of pashmina raw wool under GI Act has already been filed in November, 2020.

(e): Order for procurement of pashmina Dehairing Plant has been placed by the Department of Animal/Sheep Husbandry & Fisheries, UT of Ladakh, Leh and ancillary machines have been procured. Consistent efforts are being made for expediting the pre-dispatch inspection of the machines before shipment.

Progress on Pashmina Development in UT of Ladakh

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Component	Fund sanctioned	Funds released (2017 to 2022)	Physical Progress by I.A.
I. Name of implementing agency: LAHDC, Leh (UT of Ladakh)				
1	Improving Nutritional status of Changra Goat:- (i)Development of departmental fodder farm 10 hectares	50.00	50.00	2 farms developed
2	(ii)Development of departmental fodder farm 30 hectares	150.00	150.00	One farm developed
3	(iii).Creation of feed pelleting/fodder block making machine	293.00	246.50	Feed pelleting Machine purchased and installed
4	Socio economic upliftment of Live stock rearers:- (i). Construction of shelter shed with guard room	180.00	180.00	80 units completed
5	(ii). Provision of portable tents and other incentives	150.00	100.00	600 units purchased & distributed
6	(iii). Predator proof corral with LED light	75.00	50.00	75 units completed & distributed to breeders
7	Strengthening of veterinary healthcare delivery system	147.50	147.50	2 sheep extension centre completed, vaccine van procured 3 existing centres were repaired & functional
8	Establishment of Pashmina goat units in non-traditional areas	200.00	200.00	100 units distributed to beneficiaries
9	Revolving fund for marketing of Pashmina	200.00	200.00	Revolving fund stands advanced to Pashmina breeders of Changthang Area in Leh
10	Selective breeding and result based study of Changra goat to increase productivity of the breed	76.00	46.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matter has been taken up with CIRG, Makhdoom (UP) for result based study of Changra goat in Leh, Ladakh, a group of scientist shall be visiting Leh. Matter was also discussed with Director, CSWRI for sending experts. • Location for Setting up of small ruminant clinic identified at Upshi and under construction • 50 no.of Pashmina doe from Pashmina Goat farm has been purchased for study. 2 Veterinary Doctors has deputed for study based training to CSWRI & CIRG
11	Setting up of Pashmina De-hairing Plant at leh	1,975.72	1,292.716	Purchase order placed. Agreement with supplier signed & 20% payment released against bank guarantee. Ancillary machines procured
12	GI Registration of Pashmina Wool of Ladakh region	15.00	7.50	Patent application filed
	Total	3,512.22	2,670.216	

II. Name of implementing agency: LAHDC, Kargil (UT of Ladakh)				
1	Improving Nutritional status of Changra Goat- Development of departmental fodder land	25.00	25.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% Land development work completed. • Electricity facilitation has been installed. • Constructed Dug well for lift irrigation pump
2	Socio economic upliftment of Live stock rearers- Predator proof corral with LED light	25.00	12.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 units of Predator proof corral with LED light procured • 20% materials for predator proof corral stands purchased.
3	Strengthening of veterinary healthcare delivery system	117.50	117.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sheep Extension Centre at Drass has been completed in all respect where as 2nd unit at Zaskar is under progress • The Solar power backup to the Vaccine store has been installed completely. • The Vaccine van procured with all accessories.
4	Establishment of Pashmina goat units in non-traditional areas	192.00	170.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material for shelter shed procured. • 50 shelter sheds stands constructed 50 foundation stock distributed.
5	Up-gradation of Pashmina Goat Farm, Khangral	165.00	165.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Land development work is completed. • Submersible water pump installed. • The construction of 2 nos of open shed, local type shed for kids, construction of feed/Medicine store, Fencing of 110 kanals of Farm land, one supervisory vehicle and construction of open paddock is completed
Total		524.50	490.00	
Total (I + II)		4,036.72	3,160.216	
