LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5011 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025

ROADMAP FOR TEXTILE SECTOR

5011. SHRI AMARSING TISSO:

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared a roadmap for the development of the textile sector, including handloom and handicrafts, till the year 2030;
- (b) if so, the key objectives, targets and initiatives outlined in this roadmap;
- (c) the details of contribution of the textile sector to employment generation, exports and economic growth under this plan;
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to enhance the global competitiveness of Indian textiles, including technological upgradation, sustainability measures and skill development; and
- (e) whether any programmes or investments have been planned for the upliftment of textile artisans and weavers in Assam, particularly in Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts and if so, the details thereof?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिटा**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) to (e): Government in order to achieve Textile 2030 vision has been focusing on high-tech & highgrowth product segments, leveraging inherent strengths, developing large scale plug and play infrastructure, keeping sustainability at the core, while ensuring large-scale livelihood opportunities, providing impetus to traditional sectors including handloom and handicrafts and becoming Atmanirbhar in raw material value chain by implementing various schemes/initiatives across the country. The major schemes/initiatives include PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme which seeks to create a modern, integrated, world class textile infrastructure; Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme focusing on Man Made Fibre (MMF) Fabric, MMF Apparel and Technical Textiles to boost large scale manufacturing and enhancing competitiveness; National Technical Textiles Mission focusing on Research Innovation & Development, Promotion and Market Development; SAMARTH - Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector with the objective providing demand driven, placement oriented, skilling program; Silk Samagra-2 for comprehensive development of sericulture value chain; National Handloom Development Program for end to end support for handloom sector. Ministry of Textiles is also implementing National Handicrafts Development Programme and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme for promotion of handicraft artisans. Under these schemes, support is provided for marketing, skill development, cluster development, direct benefit to artisans, infrastructure and technology support etc.

The textile industry is one of the largest sources of employment generation in the country, employing over 45 million people directly. A total of 35,874 USD million exports of Textiles & Apparel including Handicrafts were reported during 2023-24.

Further, for global branding of Indian Textile, Government has registered Kasturi Cotton India's brand as a trademark to give a unique identity to Premium Quality Indian Cotton.

A successful Global Mega Textile Event BHARAT TEX 2025 was organized in February, 2025 by Textile Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) and supported by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India to showcase, India's prowess as a premier textile manufacturing hub, encompassing the entire value chain from raw materials to finished products. The event highlighted diversity and richness of Indian textiles, while emphasizing the industry's manufacturing strength, global competitiveness as well as its commitment to sustainability and circularity.

For upliftment of handloom weavers in Assam, the following support has been provided during last ten years and current year:

- 88 Small Handloom Clusters and 2 Mega Handloom Clusters have been taken up for financial
 assistance of Rs.89.45 crore benefitting to 68,652 handloom workers. Out of these, one Small
 handloom cluster at Harangajao in DimaHasao district has been taken up for financial assistance of
 Rs.94.23 lakh benefiting 626 handloom workers.
- To integrate Craft promotion with tourism, Craft Handloom Village has been set up at Mohpara (Assam).
- More than 1.09 lakh beneficiaries enrolled under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana.
- Total 15.10 lakh kg of yarn supplied under Transport Subsidy & Price Subsidy benefitting more than 39,000 handloom organisations/weavers.

For the upliftment of artisans need based assistance is provided under National Handicrafts Development Programme and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme for end-to-end support through marketing events, skill development, cluster development, formation of Producer Companies, direct benefit to artisans, infrastructural and technology support, research and development support etc. which benefit the traditional crafts and artisans throughout the country including of Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts in Assam.
