

REVIVAL OF AMRITSAR TEXTILE INDUSTRY

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

- (a) whether Amritsar, once a prominent centre of the textile industry in North India, has seen its entire textile base vanish over the decades, despite being known for its woollen mills, shawl weaving and dyeing industry, which once provided livelihoods to lakhs;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to revive the textile ecosystem in Amritsar, especially considering its strategic location on international border, which often faces war-like situations, has been denied continuous investment and infrastructure support due to security sensitivity; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering setting up a Textile Mega Cluster, Common Facility Centres (CFCs), or Border Textile Promotion Package, including subsidies, skill development centres, export facilitation, to not only revive the industry and generate massive employment for the youth in border villages and if so, the details thereof?

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(a) to (c): As per the latest information available, the Textile cluster in Amritsar District of Punjab constitutes 225 Powerloom units, 2,880 Powerloom Shuttle looms and 640 Powerloom Shuttleless looms. The Government is implementing various schemes/initiatives aimed at promoting the textile sector pan India including in Amritsar cluster. In order to promote ease of doing business in the country to achieve the vision of generating employment and promoting exports through “Make in India” with “Zero effect and Zero defect” in manufacturing, Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) was launched in January 2016 to provide credit linked Capital Investment Subsidy (CIS) to units. The scheme was valid upto 31st March, 2022. Under ATUFS, 71 cases have been settled and Rs.12.94 Cr. Capital investment subsidy has been released so far to units located in Amritsar.

Government is also implementing (Samarth)- Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS), with the objective to provide demand driven, placement oriented National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) compliant skilling programmes to incentivize and supplement the efforts to the industry in creating jobs in the organized textile (excluding spinning & weaving) and related sectors and to provide skilling and skill-upgradation in the traditional sectors. As on 11.08.2025, a total of 1,105 personnel were trained (passed) in the state of Punjab out of which 820 were placed.

In addition, under the umbrella scheme of Textile Cluster Development Scheme (TCDS), three projects of Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) were sanctioned in the state of Punjab providing world class, state-of-the-art infrastructure in textile hubs.

Also, the Ministry through Central Wool Development Board is implementing Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP) for the development of Wool Sector in the country and has sanctioned a project to conduct Research & Development on “Developing Sustainable Geosynthetics from Coarse and recycled Wool Fabric” at region located in and around Punjab under IWDP.

A number of other schemes including National Technical Textiles Mission focusing on Research Innovation & Development, Promotion and Market Development, Skilling and Export Promotion, Silk Samagra-2 for comprehensive development of sericulture value chain, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme focusing on Man Made Fibre& Apparel, and Technical Textiles to boost large scale manufacturing and enhancing competitiveness are being implemented to support the textile industry pan India including in Amritsar cluster.
