

MANCHESTER OF KARNATAKA GROWING CENTRE FOR COTTON

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

- (a) whether the Government acknowledges the potential of Davanagere district, historically known as the "Manchester of Karnataka", as a growing centre for cotton and textile industries and if so, what is the roadmap for developing the cotton value chain in the region;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to set up a Textile Park or Cluster in Davanagere under the PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM-MITRA) scheme and what facilities are planned such as effluent treatment, warehousing, skill centres and transport infrastructure; and
- (c) whether steps are being taken under the Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SAMARTH) or in partnership with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) to set up textile skill centres in Davanagere, especially for women and youth?

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(a): Karnataka is one of the major cotton-producing states in India, with approximately 7 lakh hectares under cotton cultivation and an annual production of around 19 to 22 lakh bales. To safeguard the interests of cotton farmers in the state, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has established robust procurement infrastructure, operating 37 procurement centres across 11 districts under its Hubli Branch Office. In the current cotton season (2024–25), CCI has procured 25.61 lakh quintals of seed cotton -equivalent to 5.22 lakh bales of lint cotton - valued at ₹1,892 crore under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations in Karnataka.

To enhance cotton productivity and quality, a five-year 'Mission for Cotton Productivity' was announced by the Hon'ble Finance Minister in the Union Budget 2025-26. This initiative aligns with the Vision 2030 goals to strengthen the entire textile value chain and foster innovation. The Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) has been designated as the nodal agency for implementation, with the Ministry of Textiles as a key partner.

The Mission aims to enhance cotton production through targeted interventions, including advanced research and extensive outreach in all cotton-growing states. The Mission also proposes to focus on developing climate-resilient, pest-resistant, and high-yielding cotton varieties, including Extra Long Staple (ELS) cotton, using advanced breeding and biotechnology tools.

(b): The Government has finalized the setting up of PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks at seven strategic locations: Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu), Warangal (Telangana), Navsari (Gujarat), Dhar (Madhya Pradesh), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Amravati (Maharashtra) including one in Kalaburagi (Karnataka), with an outlay of ₹4,445 crore over a period of seven years, up to FY 2027–28.

Under the PM MITRA Park scheme, standardized land use norms have been prescribed to ensure optimal planning and integration of the textile value chain. The land development plan for each park is structured as follows:

- 50% of the area will be dedicated to the Manufacturing Zone, which will cater to the entire textile value chain from spinning and weaving to ready-made garments (RMG), anchor industries, and ancillary units, including plug-and-play facilities.
- 20% will be allocated for common utilities and infrastructure, such as roads, Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP), Sewage Treatment Plants (STP), Water Treatment Plants (WTP), substations, and boiler units.
- 10% will be reserved for subsidized housing and associated social infrastructure, including schools, hospitals, and other community amenities.
- 10% will be earmarked for commercial activities, including hotels, exhibition and convention centres, office spaces, and related uses.
- 5% will be used for specialized and value-added services, such as testing laboratories, training centres, R&D facilities, start-ups, and Centres of Excellence.
- 5% will be designated as a logistics zone, featuring multi-modal connectivity, bonded areas, and facilities for seamless transportation and storage.

(c): The Ministry of Textiles is implementing the SAMARTH (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sector) with the objective of providing demand-driven, placement-oriented skill development programmes. The scheme aims to supplement the efforts of the textile industry in generating employment in the organized textile and related sectors, covering the entire textile value chain, excluding spinning and weaving in the organized sector. Samarth is being implemented across India. Since its inception, the scheme has seen a total expenditure of ₹809.24 crore.

As of 13th August 2025, a total of 1,04,670 beneficiaries have been successfully trained (passed) under the Samarth scheme in the state of Karnataka, including 3,086 beneficiaries from Davangere district.
