

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *234
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2025

CAPACITY BUILDING OF TASAR WEAVERS

*234. DR. RABINDRA NARAYAN BEHERA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for branding, capacity building of weavers engaged with tasar weaving profession and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to establish a textile park in Gopalpur for sustainability of tasar weaving profession?

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ANSWER
वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री गिरिराज सिंह)
MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) & (b):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *234 asked by Dr. Rabindra Narayan Behera to be answered on 16.12.2025 regarding 'Capacity Building of Tasar Weavers'

(a): The Government, through the Central Silk Board (CSB) and the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms (DC Handlooms), undertakes various initiatives that support silk weavers, including Tasar weavers, in the areas of branding and capacity building. CSB, through its R&D units, and through SAMARTH scheme provides technical assistance and training in silk reeling, weaving and processing activities and 6,850 persons across Tasar-producing States have been trained in reeling, spinning, weaving, dyeing, and related skills, during period 2021-22 to 2025-26 (up to Nov-2025)

Need-based skill upgradation programmes for weaving, dyeing/printing and designing, are also conducted by DC Handlooms on the basis of field needs and state specific demands.

Indian silks, including Tasar weavers' products, are promoted globally under the Silk Mark label managed by SMOI (Silk Mark Organisation of India) under CSB, and market access is enhanced through nationwide Silk Mark Expos where Silk weavers are encouraged to showcase and sell their products.

The Ministry of Textiles also supports GI (Geographical Indication) registration of handloom products, including Tasar products, across India under NHDP (National Handloom Development Program).

(b): No such proposal is under consideration with the Government.
