

**USAGE OF AGRO-TEXTILES**

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented the scheme for usage of Agrotextiles in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including Objectives achieved, State-wise;
- (c) whether any central assistance has been given to various states including Maharashtra for implementation of the said scheme during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

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ANSWER

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MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
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**(a) & (b).** Yes, Madam. Ministry of Textiles is implementing two schemes for promoting usage of Agrotextiles as under:-

(i) Scheme for Promoting Usage of Agrotextiles in North-Eastern (NE) Region:- It is a five year scheme under the 12<sup>th</sup> five year plan with a total outlay of Rs.55 crore. The objective of the scheme is to encourage utilization of Agrotextiles in improving the agriculture, horticulture, floricultural and sericulture produce of the N-E States. Under the Scheme, demonstration centres depicting the benefit of usage of Agrotextile products are being set up with 100% Govt. support with upper limit of Rs. 20 lakhs per demonstration centre. Training is being imparted to farmers and agrotextile kits would be disbursed to the trained farmers with 90% contribution by the Government and 10% contribution from farmers/state Government with upper limit of Central Govt. Contribution of Rs. 5 lakhs per farmer. With increase in usage of agrotextiles, it is expected that it would benefit both agriculturists as well as textile entrepreneurs in the country. The State-wise details is at **Annex-I**.

(ii) Scheme for Promoting Usage of Agrotextiles in India (excluding North Eastern States):- This scheme is broadly on similar pattern and with same objectives as that of Scheme on Agrotextiles for North Eastern Region. This has been introduced in the year 2015 for a period of two years (2015-16 and 2016-17) with a fund outlay of Rs. 5.00 crore. The State-wise details is at Annex-II.

**(c) & (d):** No, Madam. Both the above mentioned schemes are being implemented directly by M/o Textiles, Government of India. As such, no central assistance has been given under these schemes directly to any states including Maharashtra.

**(i) Scheme for promoting usage of Agrotextiles in North-Eastern Region**

(a) Demonstration Centres:

(i) State wise details of 23 Demonstration centers established under the Scheme:

S. No.	State	No. of Demo Centres	Total Cost (in Rs. Lakhs)
1.	Manipur	4	67.63
2.	Mizoram	4	67.49
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	5	90.55
4.	Meghalaya	6	106.46
5.	Assam	4	67.23
Total		23	399.36

(ii) State wise details of 21 Demonstration centers approved and under establishment under the Scheme:

S. No.	State	No. of Demo Centres
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
2.	Nagaland	5
3.	Tripura	5
4.	Sikkim	7
5.	Mizoram	3
Total		21

(b) Agrotextile kits: A total 531 Agrotextile kits have been approved for distribution in Manipur &amp; Mizoram out of which 176 agrotextile kits are under distribution.

**(ii) Scheme for promoting usage of agrotextiles in India (excluding North Eastern States) :**

- i. Two demonstration centres are being established in Amravati District of Maharashtra.
- ii. 40 farmers have also been identified from the Amravati District to whom Agrotextile kits would be distributed shortly.
- iii. Eight more proposals for establishment of demonstration centres have been approved and are at various stages of implementation. The state-wise details are given below:

S. No.	State	No. of Demo Centres
1.	Rajasthan	3
2.	Tamil Nadu	1
3.	J&K	1
4.	West Bengal	2
5.	Gujarat	1

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