

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 132
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022

TEXTILE HUBS

132. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to introduce 75 textile hubs across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Assam along with the selection procedure;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Assam is a hub of highest handloom weavers in India; and
- (d) if so, the initiatives undertaken by the Government to support handloom and textile weavers of Assam?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) & (b): Government has been implementing Scheme for Integrated Textile Park since 2005 to provide with state of the art world class infrastructure facilities for setting up their units. Government has also approved setting up of 7 (seven) PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks in Greenfield/ Brownfield sites to develop world class infrastructure including plug and play facility with an outlay of Rs.4,445 crores for a period 2021-22 to 2027-28. These parks will enable the textile industry to become globally competitive, attract large investment and boost employment generation. Government is further exploring the feasibility of supporting textile hubs across the country.

(c): As per Handloom Census 2019-20, Assam has highest handloom weavers. There are 11,07,428 handloom weavers and 1,76,453 allied workers in the Assam State.

(d): Ministry is implementing following schemes for development & promotion of handlooms and to support the welfare of handloom weavers across the country, including Assam: -

1. National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP);
2. Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS)

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided to the eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, looms & accessories, infrastructure development, design & product development, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, Weavers MUDRA Loans etc. Besides, 62 Handloom Clusters have been financially assisted in the State of Assam under National Handloom Development Programme.

In addition to above:

- (i) Steps have been taken to on-board weavers on Government e-Market place to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations. So far, about 1.5 lakh weavers have been on-boarded on the GeM portal, out of which, 3,816 weavers are from Assam State.
- (ii) To enhance productivity, marketing capabilities and facilitate better incomes, 144 Handloom Producer companies have been formed in different States of the country, out of which, 14 Producer companies are in Assam State.
- (iii) 13 Design Resource Centres have been set up in Weavers' Service Centres at Delhi, Mumbai, Varanasi, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Kancheepuram, Kolkata, Indore, Nagpur, Panipat and Meerut with the objective to build and create design-oriented excellence in the Handloom Sector and to facilitate weavers, exporters, manufacturers and designers access design repositories for sample/product improvisation and development.
- (iv) For export promotion of handloom products, Handloom Export Promotion Council has been participating/organizing international marketing fairs/events. Besides, domestic marketing events are also organised in different parts of the country including Assam for the weavers to market and sell their products.
