

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF TEXTILES SECTOR IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have contemplated to take any effective and positive policy decision to develop the textile sector in the north-eastern region aiming at encouraging the indigenous tribal people and financially helping them out in producing export quality textile fabrics and products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINSITER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Handlooms, Sericulture and Handicrafts in the textiles sector are the three most important potential areas of development in North-Eastern Region. A budgetary support of Rs. 42 crores has been earmarked in the current year's budget of the Ministry for implementation of various plan schemes/programmes for these sectors in the region. The important policy decisions taken include: -

(i) Raising of the Central Share of Centrally Sponsored Schemes from the existing level of 75% to 90%;

(ii) A cluster approach with active involvement of the beneficiaries in implementation of two major schemes, viz. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana and Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana;

(iii) An Integrated Farming System for eri and muga in addition to promotion of multivoltine-based crossbreed mulberry silk;

(iv) Restructuring of the North-Eastern Handlooms and Handicrafts Development Corporation (NEHHDC) to play a greater role in development of handlooms, handicrafts and sericulture as well as provision of market support to textiles and textiles based activities; and

(v) Upgradation of the Guwahati branch of National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC) to a Regional Office for yarn supply to weavers through state channelising agencies/depots.

(c) Does not arise.