

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRAL FUND FOR BODO HANDLOOM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has propose to provide necessary Central Fund for the promotion, development and export of the indigenous Bodo (Tribal) handloom products and textiles the way the handloom products and textiles of other Tribal people of the country have been patronized so far;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by what time Government would take appropriate action in this regard so as to fulfil the long pending aspirations of unemployed Bodo youths?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c) There is no specific handloom scheme for the development, promotion and export of the handloom products and textiles of the tribal people of the country. The various developmental schemes, including the export scheme, operational in the handloom sector at present aim to promote and develop handlooms in general, including the tribal handlooms. The Government will consider providing necessary central fund under the appropriate scheme for the promotion, development and export of the indigenous Bodo tribal handloom products when a specific proposal in this regard is received.