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INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES FOR HANDLOOM SECTOR

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up infrastructural facilities such as dyeing facilities, design centres, training units etc., to help handloom weavers and small scale apparel units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the areas covered by the Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme for small scale apparel units during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. .A new scheme titled as "Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme" has been launched during the current financial year for the development of handloom sector, with an outlay of Rs.40.00 crore for development of 20 handloom clusters throughout the country in the 1st phase. The scheme in a holistic approach will cover the entire needs of the handloom sector in each cluster for supply of raw materials, marketing support, design inputs,upgradation of technology and welfare of the weavers.

'Apparel Park for Export Scheme (APES)' was launched with the objective of imparting a focused thrust for setting up apparel units of international standards at potential growth centers, and to give a fillip to exports. Under APES, 12 projects have been sanctioned with an estimated support from Government of India of Rs.191.70 crores.

For upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centers, the 'Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS)' was launched. Under TCIDS, 18 projects have been sanctioned with an estimated support from Government of India of Rs.270.80 crores.

To provide the industry with world class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textiles units, a new scheme namely, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks' has been launched by merging the Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) and the Apparel Parks for Export Scheme (APES). This scheme is based on Public-Private Partnership (PPS) and would equip textile units to meet international environmental and social standards. Govt. of India support under the scheme by way of grant or equity shall be limited to 40% of the project cost subject to a ceiling of Rs.40.00 Crores.