

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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TRIBALS ENGAGED IN TEXTILES SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is promoting textiles industry with a view to protect the culture of tribal community in the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial assistance being given in this regard; and
- (c) any specific steps taken/proposed to be taken for the tribals of Mahabubabad region of Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): The Government continuously makes efforts to promote every sector of textiles industry and implementing various schemes/ programme for the development of textile industry. The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Programme viz. Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) in the country in coordination with all the State Govts. including the State of Andhra Pradesh. CDP is a unique and effective tool for production of quality silk, both mulberry and Vanya, and to create more employment in rural areas through sericulture practices. The culture of tribal community is thus protected, since the Vanya silks (Tasar and Eri) are mostly produced by these Tribal communities in rural regions of the country.

During the XI Plan period allocation of Rs.661.62 crores have been approved by the Government as Central Govt. share for implementation of CDP in the country, in different states including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Financial Assistance provided to Andhra Pradesh state under CDP Vanya sector schemes, during the first three years (2007-08 to 2009-10) of XI plan is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sector CDP Scheme	Assistance provided to A.P. during XI Plan (07-08 to 09-10)
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TASAR Assistance to Pvt. Tasar Graineurs 3.00

Assistance to Tasar Seed Rearers 1.13

Assistance for construction of cocoon storage houses 0.50

ERI Assistance for strengthening of Eri Farm-cum-Grainages/ Assistance to Eri Seed Rearers-cum-Pvt.Graineurs 2.50

Support for Castor/Tapioca cultivators with start-up tools 0.63

Construction of Rearing houses 7.50

Total 15.26

As reported by the Department of Sericulture, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, assistance has been provided for two Tribal beneficiaries (STs) of Mehabubabad region of A.P., under the CDP scheme "Support for Mulberry Plantation Development".

Under the Handloom Sector the Government of India is implementing following schemes for the development, promotion of handloom sector and Welfare of the Handloom Weavers throughout the country, including the State of Andhra Pradesh:

- (i) Integrated Handloom Development Scheme.
- (ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme.
- (iii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.
- (iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme.
- (v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.