

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:946
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2013
GEO TEXTILES AND AGRO TEXTILES
Tandon Annu

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to promote geo-textiles and agro-textiles in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to leverage the potential for geo-textiles and agro-textiles in the North-Eastern part of India?

Answer

(MINISTER OF TEXTILES) (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The details of the schemes to promote Geo-textiles and Agro-textiles in the country are at Annexure-I.

(c): To leverage the potential for Agro-textiles in North Eastern Part of India, a "Scheme for usage of Agro-textiles in North East Region" has been approved, and implementation guidelines have been formulated after meetings/ seminars and inter-ministerial consultations.

Stakeholder and inter-ministerial consultations, through seminars and workshops, have been completed for the formulation of a scheme for leveraging the potential of Geo-textiles in the North Eastern Part of India.

Annexure-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 946 FOR ANSWER ON 04.03.2013
ON DETAILS OF THE SCHEME TO PROMOTE GEO-TEXTILES AND AGRO-TEXTILES IN THE COUNTRY

i. Scheme for usage of Geo-textiles in North Eastern Region: This scheme envisages promoting and utilizing Geo-textiles in the development of infrastructure in North Eastern states. With total fund outlay of Rs. 500 crores over a period of 5 years, the scheme envisages identifying and implementing pilot projects to demonstrate the efficacy of Geo-textiles in existing/ new projects in road construction, river bank embankment, slope erosion control, water reservoirs, etc, in the North Eastern Region. Necessary technological and financial support for meeting additional costs due to the usage of Geo- textiles in the pilot projects is proposed to be borne by Government of India.

ii. Scheme for usage of Agro-textiles in North Eastern Region: This scheme envisages promoting and utilizing Agro-textiles in improving the horticulture and floricultural produce of the Northeast states by providing technological and financial support for establishing the demonstration centres and disbursing Agro-textile kits with overall fund outlay of Rs 55 crores over the period of 5 years.