

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:293
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2013
SETTING UP OF NIFT CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish new centres of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) and Textile Institutes in the country including one in the North Eastern Region to improve the inherent expertise of the Bodo-Tribal Woman Folk and impart technical education to the people of Bodoland territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard along with the funds allocated for the purpose and the employment likely to be generated through these centres;

(c) whether the Government has taken any initiatives for promotion, development and export of the indigenous Bodo-Tribal handloom products and textiles made of natural fibre with a view to boosting the socio-economic development of the tribal people of Bodoland Territory; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated for the purpose and the steps taken so far in this regard?

Answer

(MINISTER OF TEXTILES) (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 293 FOR 18-03-2013 REGARDING SETTING UP OF NIFT CENTRES.

(a): There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c) & (d): The Development Commissioner for Handlooms implements the following schemes for the development of handlooms in the country including Bodo-Tribal handloom products and textiles made of natural fibre:-

(i) Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme (IHDS)

(ii) Marketing Export Promotion Scheme (MEPS)

(iii) Mill Gate Price Scheme (MGPS)

(iv) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme (DHDS)

(v) Revival, Reforms & Restructuring Package for the Handloom Sector (RRR) 17 cluster projects with a total project cost of Rs. 10.05 crore have been taken up specifically in Bodoland areas of Assam viz. Kamrup, Nalbari, Kokrajhar, Barpeta, Sonitpur and Rs. 3.85 crore has been released so far for development of these clusters. One Mega cluster, covering about 25000 handlooms, is also functional in Sibsagar district of Assam. These clusters cover the weaver of Bodo-Tribal areas too.

Under the Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme, 56 marketing events were sanctioned for Bodoland areas of Assam for which financial assistance of Rs.2.91 crore has been provided.

Under the Mill Gate Price Scheme, during the 11th Plan and the current financial year, yarn worth 3.84 lakh kg. valuing at Rs.17.03 crore has been supplied for the handloom weavers of Assam State including Bodoland at Mill Gate Price.