

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:276

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BHAGALPUR SILK INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes/financial assistance provided by the Government to Bhagalpur silk industry for their promotion in India and globally;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated schemes to assist Bhagalpur weavers for selling their products in metropolises, trade fairs and exhibitions to increase their profits;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose;
- (d) whether the Government has received proposals from various States particularly from Chhattisgarh to set up design and technology development workshop at urban haat and to organise exhibition there; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said proposals are likely to be implemented along with the funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (DR. KAVURU SAMBASIVA RAO)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.276 FOR ANSWER ON 10.2.2014.

(a): For promotion of Sericulture activities in Bhagalpur, the Central Silk Board has established the following 3 units, mainly for the development of tasar silk industry:

- i. Basic Seed Multiplication and Training Centre (BSM&TC) for production and supply of superior quality basic tasar seeds to the state government units, for further multiplication and supply of silkworm seeds to the tasar rearers.
- ii. Demonstration-Cum-Technical Service Centre (DCTSC) for demonstration of improved technologies to reelers and weavers and to provide required training to the beneficiaries.
- iii. Sub-Unit of Tasar Raw Material Bank (TRMB) for providing local market support for the producers of tasar cocoons, by providing a remunerative price for their produce.

The Government of India has been implementing the following schemes across the country, including Bhagalpur, for development and promotion of handloom sector both in India and globally.

1. Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme (IHDS) 2. Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme (MEPS) 3. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme. 4. Mill Gate Price Scheme (MGPS) 5. Diversified Handloom Development Scheme (DHDS) 6. Revival, Reform and Restructuring (RRR) Package for handloom sector.

During 12th Five Year Plan Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme, Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme and Diversified Handloom Development Scheme have been merged in one scheme with certain modifications which is now known as Comprehensive Handlooms Development Scheme (CHDS) and Mill Gate Price Scheme also has been modified and will be known as Yarn Supply Scheme (YSS).

For overall & holistic development of handloom weavers of Bhagalpur, the Government of India has sanctioned one large cluster covering 5000 weavers, 5 small clusters covering 2172 weavers and so far, Rs.383.81 lakh has been released for the development of these clusters.

For promotion of handloom products including Bhagalpur silk globally, the Government of India provides financial assistance for airfare upto Rs.50,000 per exporter, including silk handloom exporters of Bhagalpur, besides infrastructure and publicity assistance, for participation in international fairs and buyers-seller meets.

Further, Government has setup one weaver service centre at Bhagalpur for providing various services such as skill upgradation, design and product development etc.

(b) & (c): All the above schemes are implemented in all States, including Bhagalpur, for the benefit of weavers. The Handloom Marketing Assistance component of Comprehensive Handlooms Development Scheme provide a marketing platform to the weavers to sell their products directly to the consumers and financial assistance is provided to State Governments and State Handloom organisations to organise marketing events like, National Handloom Expos, Special Handloom Expos wherein weavers from different parts of the country including Bhagalpur participate and sell their products. For implementation of Handloom Marketing Assistance

component, Rs. 58 lakh has been allocated for Bihar, including Bhagalpur, for 2013-14 for organizing marketing events. Central Silk Board also organises Silk Mark Exhibitions where weavers and exporters from Bhagalpur region also participate in large numbers.

(d): No such proposal has been received.

(e): Does not arise.