

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF USAGE OF GEOTECHNICAL TEXTILES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement a scheme for promoting usage of geotechnical textiles in North East Region (NER); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Ministry of Textiles has approved a Scheme for promoting usage of geotechnical textiles in the North Eastern Region (NER) on 03.12.2014 with a fund outlay of INR 427 crores for a period of five years from 2014-15 to 2018-19 .The objective of the scheme is to promote and pilot utilize Geo textiles in development of the infrastructure in the NE states by providing technological and financial support for meeting additional costs upto 15%, if any, due to the usage of Geo textile solutions in existing/ new projects in road, hill/ slope protection & water reservoirs. The Projects would be identified in consultation with the State-Governments & concerned Stakeholder Agencies. There are following three components of the scheme:-

Component-I: Geotechnical Textile Solution (Hard interventions) with a total outlay of Rs 374 Cr

This component will finance the incremental cost of pilot stretches of identified ongoing or new projects, due to application of geotechnical textile solutions, to be reimbursed to the State/Central Project Authorities for identified pilot projects. This component will cover the following three major infrastructure projects in the NER:

- 1.Road Construction
- 2.Hill Slope Protection
- 3.Lining of water reservoirs

Component-II (Soft Interventions) with a total outlay of Rs 43 Cr

This Component will support activities such as site inspection and techno economic viability studies, design solutions and DPR preparation, on-site monitoring and testing, specification formulation, training and capacity building, awareness campaigns, market development support, and evaluations studies, etc. to be carried out by agencies to be identified by the Central Government.