

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1862
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/11/2019

QUANTUM OF CLOTH PRODUCTION

1862. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently implemented a promotional scheme for development and expansion of textile industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the total funds earmarked for the purpose under the said scheme, sector-wise;
- (c) the details of targets fixed for cloth production, generation of employment opportunities and earning of foreign exchange through this scheme; and
- (d) the funds spent so far on development of Textile Export Hub under construction in Kerala?

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ANSWER

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(a) to (c): In order to promote and develop various sectors/ segments of the textile industry, the Government has been implementing various policy initiatives and schemes which inter alia support/improve the lives and livelihoods of textile workers through employment generation and promotes production and export competitiveness of the textile industry such as:

• **Handloom Sector:** The Government is implementing following schemes for promotion of handlooms and welfare of weavers across the country: -

- 1) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)
- 2) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)
- 3) Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS)
- 4) Yarn Supply Scheme (YSS)

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided for raw materials, purchase of looms and accessories, design innovation, product diversification, infrastructure development, skill upgradation, lighting units, marketing of handloom products and loan at concessional rates.

Scheme-wise funds allocated and released in the last three years are indicated below: -

(Rs. in crore)

S.No	Name of scheme	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
		Funds allocated (RE)	Funds released	Funds allocated (RE)	Funds released	Funds allocated (RE)	Funds released
1	National Handloom Development Programme	167.53	153.56	140.24	135.05	138.53	119.72
2	Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme	50.00	40.11	32.50	31.82	21.50	16.38
3	Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme	26.56	26.56	25.00	24.98	10.05	2.06
4	Yarn Supply Scheme	261.50	261.35	200.00	199.84	155.41	126.84
	Total	505.59	481.58	397.74	391.69	325.49	265.00

The main fibres used by weavers in the sector are cotton, silk, wool, linen, jute and acrylic. A lot of Handloom items are produced by the sector for the in-house consumption of weavers and their families. Due to the unorganized and traditional nature of the sector, the data pertaining to Handloom production is dispersed and largely unavailable for centralized quantification. As per the 4th All India Handloom Census (2019-20), there are 35.22 lakh handloom workers employed in the country and the above mentioned schemes are facilitating the handloom weavers to sustain their employment in their present profession. As regards, foreign exchange earnings, the target and achievements with regard to handloom export, are as under in the last three years: -

SN	Year	Target (in Million US \$)	Achievements (in Million US \$)
1	2016-17	450	357.58
2	2017-18	463	353.92
3	2018-19	400	343.43

- North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS):** To promote textiles industry in the North Eastern Region by providing infrastructure, capacity building and marketing support to all segments of textile industry. The scheme has an outlay of Rs. 500 crores during 2017-18 to 2019-20. Under this scheme, Apparel & Garment Making Centres (factories), fully equipped with industrial garmenting machineries have been set up in plug and play model in each NE States and Sikkim. Each Centre is designed to generate employment for 1200 persons. Under Sericulture, 38 projects have been approved covering Mulberry, Eri and Muga sectors in all NE States having total cost Rs. 1,106.97 crore with Government of India share of Rs.955.07 crores.
- Silk Samagra:** Government of India has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme "Silk Samgra" for development of sericulture in the country from the year 2017-18 to 2019-20 with an outlay of Rs.2161.68 crore which mainly focuses on Research & Development, Training, Transfer of Technology and I.T Initiatives, Seed Organisations, Coordination and Market Development and, Quality Certification Systems (QCS)/ Export Brand Promotion and Technology Upgradation. R&D efforts have also been initiated to evolve new products by blending silk with other fibres such as wool, coir, cotton etc., which have demand in international markets.

Raw silk production target & achievement and estimated employment generation for the year 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20 are given below:

Year	Raw silk Production(MT)		Employment Generation (Million person)
	Target	Achievement	
2017-18	33840	31906	8.60
2018-19	35960	35468	9.18
2019-20	38530	15645(Till Sept-19)	10.00 (Target)

- **Power Tex India:** A comprehensive scheme for powerloom sector was launched in April, 2017 with an outlay of Rs. 487 crores for three years. This scheme has components relating to loom upgradation; infrastructure creation and concessional access to credit. The scheme has been designed to attract investment of Rs. 1000 crores and employment to 10000 persons in power-loom sector and will also result in higher returns to power-loom units. The total funds earmarked for the purpose under the said scheme under PowerTex India scheme is Rs. 487.07 Cr.
- **Special Package for Textile and Apparel sector:** Rs 6000 crores package was launched in June 2016 to boost employment and export potential in the apparel and made up segments. This package consists of Remission of State Levies for garmenting and made-ups; additional production and employment linked subsidy of 10% under ATUFS for garmenting; assistance for the entire 12% employers' contribution towards EPF; fixed term employment in garmenting, increasing overtime caps; and income tax concessions under section 80JJAA for the garmenting sector.
- **Amended Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS):** The amended Scheme was launched in January 2016 with an outlay of Rs 17822 Crores. The scheme has been designed to promote ease of doing business in the country and to mobilize new investment of about Rs 95 000 cr and employment for 35 lakh persons by the year 2022. The objectives of the scheme is to promote ease of doing business in the country and achieve the vision of generating employment and promoting exports through "Make in India" with "Zero effect and Zero defect" in manufacturing.

The Textile sector has perfect alignment with Government's key initiatives of Make in India, Skill India, Women Empowerment and Rural Youth Employment and currently Textile sector employs 4.5 crores workers across the country and there is no targets fixed for generation of employment opportunities.

(d): No Sir, there is no such proposal for development of Textile Export Hub in Kerala so far.
