

Investment plan in steel sector in Gujarat

1672. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of major investment plans in the steel sector in Gujarat in view of vital industrial potentiality of steel industry and major coastal belt for export purpose;
- (b) the progress made so far;
- (c) whether Government has drawn any time-bound implementation programme for these projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) As per available information in this Ministry, one major steel players *i.e.* Essar Steel Ltd. is having its existing steel unit at Hazira, Gujarat comprising of a 4.6 million tonnes per annum. The company has also stated that it is expanding the capacity at Hazira to produce 9.6 million tonnes per annum of various finished steel products, to be completed by December, 2011.

(c) and (d) The implementation of the project is entirely carried out by the concerned company. However, through the forum of the Inter Ministerial Group, constituted in the Ministry of Steel major issues concerning the project are reviewed periodically.

Health insurance schemes for weavers

†1673. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made by Government to revive the nearly lost traditional skill of weaving of textiles across the country;
- (b) the details of the various health insurance schemes being run by Government for the weavers;
- (c) whether it is a fact that instances of gross bungling and irregularities have come to the force in the weavers health schemes/weavers health insurance schemes being run in different States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Government of India has been implementing the following schemes for the development of Handlooms all over India, including the State of Rajasthan. The salient features of the schemes are as follows:

(i) Integrated Handloom Development Scheme.

This Scheme provides need based inputs to "Clusters" of 300-500 Handloom or "Group" of 10-100 weavers for making them Self sustainable by providing them financial assistance for margin money, working capital, new looms and accessories, skill upgradation, marketing opportunities and construction of Workshed.

(ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme.

This scheme provides marketing opportunities and infrastructure support through design development and marketing linkages to assist in the sale of the Handloom products both in domestic and international market.

(iii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.

Two separate schemes viz. the Health Insurance Scheme for providing Health Insurance to the Handloom Weavers and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana provide Life Insurance cover in case of natural/accidental death, total/partial disability due to accident.

(iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme.

This scheme makes available all types of yarn at Mill Gate Price to the eligible handloom agencies to facilitate regular supply of basic raw material to the handloom weavers and to optimize their employment potential.

(v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

This scheme provides assistance to technological and skill upgradation of weavers for design and product development through 25 Weavers Service Centres and 05 Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology all over the country to improve the productivity and earnings of the handloom weavers.

(b) The Government of India is implementing a Health Insurance Scheme for handloom weavers for access to health care facilities. The annual health cover for a family of four is Rs. 15,000/- out of which substantial provision of Rs. 7,500/- has been kept for OPD. All pre-existing as well as new diseases and maternity benefits (per child for the first two), Dental treatment, Eye treatment, Spectacles, baby coverage etc. are covered.

(c) and (d) No established cases of bungling and irregularities have been reported. However, complaints of delay in settlement of claims and requirement of more hospitals etc. are received from time to time. The Service Provider addresses these complaints directly and under intimation to this office.

Funds for promotion of sericulture

1674. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry would give breakup of funds for the promotion of sericulture and allocation for non mulberry *i.e.* Muga and Eri;

(b) whether there is proposal for the setting up of offices of Handloom Export Promotion Council and Indian Silk Export Promotion Council in Guwahati; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) In order to promote sericulture in the country, Government of India through Central Silk Board (CSB) is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme *viz* "Catalytic Development Programme" (CDP) in collaboration with state sericulture departments in all States. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to the stakeholders of silk industry in the country through the respective State Governments. CDP is a unique and an effective tool for transfer of technologies in the field evolved by the Research Institutes. The components under CDP envisaged development and expansion of host plant, development of farm and post cocoon infrastructure, up-gradation of reeling and processing technologies in silk, Enterprise Development Programme, support for extension and publicity etc. Catalytic Development Programme is continued during the Eleventh Plan with certain modification and additional inputs.

Sector-wise and year-wise break-up of funds during the Eleventh Plan under CDP and allocation for Muga and Eri sector are given below :

(Rs. In Crores)

Year	Year wise Breakup of CDP Funds		Funds for Muga sector		Funds for Eri sector	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2007-08	81.01	81.82	2.99	3.78	2.88	16.62
2008-09	76.73	90.74	4.68	1.55	4.33	8.11