

**Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme**

This comprises of two separate schemes viz. the Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) for providing Health Insurance to the Handloom weavers and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY) for providing Life Insurance Cover in case of natural/accidental death, total/partial disability due to accident.

**Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme (MEPS)**

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.

**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.

**Diversified Handloom Development Scheme**

This scheme provides assistance for 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.

**Surplus land sold by NTC**

1074. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NTC had sold its surplus land across the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details of properties/surplus land sold by NTC in the above period and amount earned as a result thereof;
- (c) how the NTC spent/invested the earned amount from sale of surplus lands; and
- (d) the present financial position of NTC mills across the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As per the Revival Scheme approved by the BIFR, NTC has sold surplus

assets during the last three years (2008-09; 2009-10; and 2010-11) as per annexed list. The amount earned through these sales was Rs.2274.73 crores.

(c) The amounts so raised have been spent towards revival of the Company.

(d) The net-worth of NTC, as a whole, has become positive. The Company has consistently made net profit during the last 3 years, mainly from the sale of assets. For the last three years, there has been no budgetary support from the Govt. of India. During the year 2010-11, 13 of the modernised mills made cash profits.

*Details of surplus assets sold Year-wise*

Sl.No.	Name of the Mill	2008-09 Area in acres	2009-10 Area in acres	2010-11 Area in acres
1	2	3	4	5
1	Ahmedabad New Textile Mills		11.19	
2	Fine Knitting Mills Ahmadabad	9.30		
3	Chaligaon Textile Mills	0.28		
4	Kalyanmal Mills (Godown No.40 M.T. Cloth Market)	66.39 sq. mtrs.		
5	Manindra B.T. Mills	27.64		
6	Model Mills (Staff Quarter Outside Mills)	0.61		
	Model Mills (New Chawls Outside Mills)	0.29		
7	Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Kanpur(14 Plots)	1.53		
8	Madhusudan Mills		6.81	
9	Aurangabad Textile Mills		4.68	
10	Aurangabad Textile Mills (Outside Taxi stand)			1.47

1	2	3	4	5
11	Podar Process House			2.39
12	Bharat Textile Mills			8.38
13	New Mankchowk Textile Mills			8.21
14	Malaxmi Textile Mills			15.08
	Total	39.65	22.68	35.53

**Increasing silk production in the country**

1075. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to increase the silk production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that to meet the domestic demand of silk fabric, the same is being imported; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The silk industry in India is showing a steady increase in the production of Raw Silk in the country. Total Raw silk production in India during the last 3 years (2008-09 to 2010-11) is furnished below:

Year	Raw Silk production (in M.Ts)
2008-09	18,370
2009-10	19,690
2010-11	20,410

In order to increase the production of silk in the country, the Central Silk Board/MoT is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz "Catalytic Development Programme" (CDP) in collaboration with sericulture departments in all the States, during the XI Plan. Under this scheme,