

(iii) North-Eastern Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS)

- The Government has launched a project to set up modern apparel and garment making centres in each of the eight North-east States under the scheme.

(iv) Pashmina Promotion Programme (P-3)

- P-3 was launched in October, 2014 in the Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir for improving quality and quantity of Pashmina wool as well as living standards of poor nomads of the region.

(d) The Top ten destinations to which clothes made in India are exported are European Union, USA, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Japan, Brazil, Mexico, Malaysia, and Australia. During 2015-16 (upto February, 2016), Ready Made Garments(RMG) worth ₹ 98.580 thousand crores (US\$ 15 billion) were exported.

Venture capital fund to boost powerloom sector

1599. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating upon development of Powerloom sector in the country by setting up a Venture Capital Fund under the administration of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any other incentives are being given to Powerloom sector for production and marketing Powerloom clothes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The Government has launched the Venture Capital Fund for Powerloom and Allied Products and Services (TEX-Fund), as a component of the Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD), on 29.10.2013. The TEX Fund has a minimum corpus of ₹35 crores with Government of India's contribution of ₹ 24.50 crores and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has a minimum contribution of ₹10.50 crores. SIDBI Venture Capital Limited (SVCL) is the Investment Manager of the TEX-Fund. The TEX-Fund is aimed at providing equity investment to micro and small enterprises in the powerloom sector to boost innovation in the industry by creation of brands and generation of intellectual property and enable development of the Powerloom Sector and allied activities.

(b) The Government is implementing several schemes for promotion of the Powerloom Sector including support for Production and Marketing of Powerloom cloth in the Country. The brief details of financial assistance given under Powerloom Sector Schemes is given in Statement.

Statement

*The details of financial assistance given under Powerloom
Sector Schemes during 2014-15 and 2015-16*

Name of the scheme	(₹ in crore)	
	2014-15	2015-16
Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector	22.28	16.18
<i>In-situ</i> Upgradation Scheme for Plain Powerloom	9.98	59.185
Group Workshed Scheme	16.40	20.070
Group Insurance Scheme	3.90	6.620
Margin Money Subsidy Scheme under TUFs/ATUFs	130.00	165.98
Comprehensive Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme	-	4.110
Total	182.56	272.145

Export of jute seeds and revival of closed jute mills

†1600. SHRI HARIVANSH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Jute seeds are available in plenty in the country at present;
- (b) the quantum of Jute seeds exported by the country annually; and
- (c) the future plan of the Ministry to promote Jute industry and the number of Jute Mills closed in the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) No shortage of jute seeds has been reported for the present sowing season. The quantum of jute seeds recommended by the Government through the EXIM Committee during the last 2 years is as follows:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.