

programme for North Eastern State handicrafts, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): Yes, Sir. Skills development needs of the artisans are addressed through two schemes of office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) namely Human Resource Development and Design and Technical Development scheme. In addition, under Cluster Scheme *i.e.* Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana, skill upgradation and design training are also provided for holistic upliftment of handicraft artisans. These programmes are implemented throughout the country including North Eastern States.

Training is provided through Established Institutions, Guru Shishya Parampara model, Design and Technical Development Workshops and Integrated Design and Technical Development Projects.

Textile and apparel exports

1911. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how far it is a fact that the textile and apparel exports from India contributed majority to its total export in the last three years, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government proposes to give required push to the textile industry to increase textile and apparel export to more than double in future, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to achieve this target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) Textile and apparel exports from India contributed majorly to its total export in the last three years. The details are given below:—

	Exports in 2013 (USD bn)	Exports in 2014 (USD bn)	Exports in 2015 (USD bn)
Total T&A Exports	40.3	40.7	40.0
Total India's Commodity Exports	314.4	310.4	262.3
Share of T&A in total India's Exports	12.8%	13.1%	15.3%

Source: Director General of Commerce Intelligence and Statistics Database.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. In order to give boost to the textile industry. Government has introduced special packages for apparel and made-ups sector in June, 2016 and December, 2016 respectively. The government is also implementing schemes like Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS), Pradhan Mantri Paridhan Rojgar Protsahan Yojna (PMPRPY), Scheme of Rebate of State Levies (RoSL) on export of garments, Schemes for Technical textiles, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), Integrated Skill Development Scheme etc. to modernize textile industry, increase production and global competitiveness.

Apart from the steps taken by the Government mentioned above, the Government has taken following initiatives to augment the textile exports:

- (i) MEIS Scheme under new Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20.
- (ii) Restoring Interest rate subvention for pre and post shipment credit for the textile sector.
- (iii) Expanding the scope of Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) since 29.10.2015 to 110 new tariff lines and increase rates or country coverage or both for 2228 existing tariff lines.
- (iv) Increased Duty Drawback rates for some textile articles.
- (v) Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme.
- (vi) Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme.
- (vii) Duty Free import of trimmings, embellishments and other specified items under Export Performance Certificate Entitlement Scheme.

Setting up of textile park in Himachal Pradesh

1912. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a Textile Park in Himachal Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has finalized the site therefor, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the Textile Park is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY