

Block level clusters in Andhra Pradesh

744. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has sanctioned two block level clusters at Chennur and Venkatachalam in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh under National Handloom Development Programme;

(b) if so, to what extent the above clusters have helped the handloom weavers in those blocks and surrounding areas in increasing their income and also upgrading their skill, looms and product development; and

(c) in what manner the Ministry, with the help of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry plans to promote, propagate and market Ventakagiri Saree from Nellore which have got Geographical indication?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) Government of India has sanctioned two block level clusters at Chennur and Venkatachalam in Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh under National Handloom Development Programme. To improve the skill of the weavers and increasing their income, various interventions such as training programmes in weaving, designing have been conducted and technology upgradation items identified for distribution in the clusters by State Government of Andhra Pradesh. Further benefits such as support for new innovative product diversification, Design innovation, Worksheds and lighting units are also provided.

(c) Geographical Indication (GI) Registry has registered 'Venkatagiri Saree' (GI No. 189) on 11/05/2011 and is valid till 12/11/2019. The Government has undertaken several steps to promote propagate and market Venkatagiri Saree such as participation in events to promote and create awareness on GIs, promotion of GI through social media, seminars, workshops, organizing Hastkala Sahyog Shivir and awareness camps involving State Governments for facilitation of GI producers.

Generation of employment for unskilled youth

745. SHRI RAJMANI PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to create more jobs in textile, garments and leather industry to generate employment for the unskilled youth in the country, particularly in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government is working in this direction to create jobs in these segment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) With a view to boost textile sector in the country and also to create employment in the textiles and apparel sector, Government is implementing several important schemes, some of which are:—

- (i) SAMARTH: Scheme for skill development and capacity building in textile sector targeting 10 Lakhs beneficiaries covering textiles, apparel, handloom, handicrafts, skill and jute segments.
- (ii) Knitting and Knitwear Sector: In order to boost production in knitting and knitwear clusters, Government has launched a separate scheme for development of Knitting and Knitwear Sector which will provide employment to nearly 24 lakh persons.
- (iii) To boost investment, employment and exports in the garmenting and made-ups sector, Government has provided additional production linked incentive of 10% under the Amended Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) for generating additional employment.
- (iv) Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP): Government provides 40% subsidy with a ceiling limit of ₹ 40 crore for setting up textiles parks for infrastructure creation and additional job generation.
- (v) National Handloom Development Programme, Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, Handloom Weaver Comprehensive Welfare Scheme and Yarn Supply Schemes for basic inputs, looms and accessories, design and development, infrastructure development, marketing of handloom products, etc.
- (vi) National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handicraft Cluster Development Schemes aim at holistic development of handicrafts clusters through integrated approach by providing support on design, technology up-gradation, infrastructure development, market support etc.
- (vii) PowerTex India: A comprehensive scheme for powerloom sector with components relating to powerloom up-gradation, infrastructure creation, concessional access to credit, etc.
- (viii) Skill Samagra - An integrated Scheme for development of silk industry with components of research and development, transfer of technology, seed organization and coordination, market development, quality certification and export.

- (ix) Jute ICARE for increasing the income of farmers by at least 50% through promotion of certified seeds, better agronomic practices and use of microbial re-using of Jute plant.
- (x) Integrated Wool Development Programme for growth of wool sector by way of machine sheep shearing, strengthening of wool market and processing and woollen product manufacturing.
- (xi) North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) for promoting textiles industry in the NER by providing infrastructure, capacity building and marketing support to all segments of textile industry.
- (xii) Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL)- providing the full employer's contribution of 12% of the employment Provident Fund (EPF) under the Pradhan Mantri Paridhan Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMPRPY).
- (xiii) Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS): Government had been implementing Integrated Skill Development Scheme (ISDS) where 11.14 lakh persons were trained out of which 8.43 lakh persons were given placement.
- (xiv) Further, the Government has approved a new scheme viz., "Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SCBTS)" for providing demand driven placement oriented National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) compliant skilling programme for the entire value chain of textile sector (excluding Spinning and Weaving in the organized sector).

With regards to Leather, "Indian Footwear, Leather and Accessories Development Programme" providing primary skill development training is being implemented under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). Training programmes on footwear are also being conducted under Ministry of Small and Medium Enterprise through the Footwear Training Institutes.

All the schemes are being implemented pan India and will benefit youths of the country including that of Madhya Pradesh.

Functioning of textile mills

746. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of textile mills functioning in the country during the last three years, city-wise;
- (b) the number of workers and employees working in each mills; and
- (c) the profit and loss of such mills during the above period?