

generation and for boosting exports in the textile sector. These include Power Tex India Scheme - for Powerloom Sector Development, Silk Samagra- the integrated silk development scheme, Integrated Processing Development Scheme (IPDS), North Eastern Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS), Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plants and Machinery (ISAPM) for Jute Industry and Jute Diversified Products Manufacturing Units.

Investment in textile sector in Assam

2200. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether investors are willing to invest in handloom, textiles and handicraft sector in Assam from 2019 onwards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of textile/jute mills in Assam, area-wise;
- (d) whether Government has any proposal for establishing new textile/jute mills in Assam and revive the sick and closed mills as part of Public Sector Undertakings or through PPP model; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) An organic export oriented company AGRESTAL, Himachal Pradesh is expected to invest and setup a silk processing centre in Assam with Government of India Partnership funding and collaboration for production and export of Eri silk as Organic Silk. The company has visited the areas of Assam and had discussion with the Government, field level functionaries and Seri-culturists.

(c) to (e) There are two Jute Mills located in Assam, namely Atlanta Modular and Assam Cooperative Jute Mills Ltd. in Guwahati and Silghat, Nagaon respectively.

Government of India has also sanctioned two State of the Art Eri Spun Silk Mills under North Eastern Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) at a Total project cost of ₹43.06 crore with Government of India share of ₹38.18 crore each in Biswanath and Kokrajhar-BTC of Assam.