

- In order to promote handloom exports. Council has increased promotional activities by widening the product segment among handloom items.
- Home textiles covers of 87% share in total handloom exports. Council is expanding the product segments by focusing on clothing accessories, garments and dress materials by making an attempt in International events like Who's Next in September and January, Tex world, Sourcing at Magic, etc.
- Council tied up with NIFT and also subscribed to trend forecast to get the latest trend inputs and disseminate information to the exporters in color trends.
- Organising exclusive B2C events for promoting IHB in overseas like Global India Festival – Malaysia, ITSF – Delhi, etc.
- To promote India Handloom Products, Council showcase AV display, exhibiting IHB products in international events.
- As a special focus, 4 new events have proposed in the year 2020-21 for promotion of North East Region.
- To Assist the exporters in all major export center, council has set up the liaison office in Panipat, Karur, and Helpdesk at Guwahati.
- Council membership strength has expanded from 1200 to 1500 plus members by focusing on new areas like Jaipur, Northeast regions. The members of the other region were interested in participating in HEPC activities.
- Council organised participation of clusters/Apex societies in International fairs in order to support their entry into international markets.
- Further, the council is participating in Seminar/MSME programs to disseminate information of opportunities and benefits of Handloom exports.
- Even, when all other textile segments facing decline, handloom is maintaining a positive growth for the last few years.

BHAVINI reactor in Kalpakkam

*281. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the present position of Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI) reactor in Kalpakkam; and

- (b) the estimated time by when it is likely to commence production of electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) All the construction activities of 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor project (PFBR) have been completed and the integrated commissioning of all the systems is in progress.

- (b) The PFBR project is expected to commence production of electricity from October, 2022 onwards.

Policy measures to ensure population stability

†*282. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NITI Aayog has been working upon short-term and long-term policy measures to ensure population stability;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether NITI Aayog is consulting the stakeholders concerned with reference to the said policy measures; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) National Commission on Population (NCP) under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister was constituted *vide* Resolution No. A-43011/17/2000-Admn-I dt. 11.05.2000 in the erstwhile Planning Commission with the objective to give directions for the implementation of the National Population Policy, to promote synergy between demographic, educational, environmental and developmental programmes so as to hasten population stabilization. The Commission comprised of 130 members with Union Ministers of main Ministries, Chief Ministers of all States/Union Territories, Leaders of Political Parties, few Members of Parliament, President of organizations such as Confederation of Indian Industries, Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India, Indian Medical Association, Indian Newspaper Society, Medical Council of India, Indian Nursing Council, Civil Society, NGOs etc.

National Population Policy, 2000 (NPP) affirms the commitment of the Government towards voluntary and informed choice and consent of citizens while availing of reproductive health care services, and continuation of the target free approach in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.