

North East Region (NER) Textile Promotion Scheme (*Sericulture Projects for NE during XII Plan*)

In order to boost the textile sector in the NE region, the Govt of India has approved a project- based strategy for the North East Region under an umbrella scheme by name “**North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme**”. This umbrella scheme will be implemented in the North East Region in addition to the regular schemes of the Ministry. The expenditure under this scheme will be met from the 10 per cent budget outlay being earmarked for the North Eastern States. Planning Commission has allocated a provision of **Rs.1038.10 crore** for NERTPS in the 12th Plan. The scheme was approved by the EFC on 8th April, 2013 and CCEA on 7th November, 2013.

The North Eastern States have a long tradition of handloom weaving, handicraft and sericulture. The region accounts for more than 50 per cent of the handlooms in the country. However, most of the looms produce for domestic consumption. The textile sector in the region has tremendous potential for growth and creation of employment opportunities. The broad objective of the North East Textile Promotion Scheme is to develop and modernise the textile sector in the North East Region by providing the required Government support in terms of raw material, seed banks, machinery, common facility centres, skill development, design and marketing support etc. The specific objectives of the scheme include increase in the value of textile production, technology upgradation, improvement in design capability, diversification of product lines and value addition, better access to domestic and export markets, clusterisation and improvement in labour productivity, market access & market promotion.

The Scheme covers all textile sub-sectors, the traditional VSE sectors of Handlooms, Handicrafts, Sericulture, Jute, allied fibres as well as the Powerloom and the Garmenting / Made Up sector. An illustrative list of interventions / projects that have been approved for implementation during the 12th Plan is given below :

- (i) Special project for upgradation of Handlooms in NER
- (ii) Integrated Cluster Development Project for the North East.
- (iii) Manipur Sericulture Development Project**
- (iv) Integrated Sericulture Development Project for the North East**
- (v) Integrated Handicraft Development Project for the North East
- (vi) Comprehensive Powerloom Development project for the North East.
- (vii) Technology Upgradation of Textile units in the North Eastern States (Interest subsidy/Capital subsidy for specified technology upgradation)
- (viii) Project for setting up Integrated Textiles Parks in the North Eastern States.
- (ix) Textile sector Skill Development Project for the North Eastern States.
- (x) Marketing Infrastructure Development Project for the Textile Sector in

- the North East.
- (xi) Market Promotion of N.E. Textile & Handloom Products in India and abroad

Detailed guidelines for NER-TPS is available in the website of Ministry of Textiles (www.texmin.nic.in) /Policy/Textiles/NERTPS-Guidelines.pdf.

Ministry of Textiles has constituted a Project Approval and Monitoring Committee (PAMC) with Secretary (Textiles) as Chairperson, and concerned JSs / Member Secretary, CSB, Textile Commissioner, Jute Commissioner, representatives of DoNER, MS&ME, DIPP, Planning Commission, Deptt. of Expenditure, representative of concerned State Deptt. etc. as members. MoT has sent details of NER-TPS and guidelines to Chief Secretaries of all NE States and Members of PAMC for necessary action. CSB has also circulated these guidelines to Sericulture Departments in all NE States for identification of interventions required and preparation of the projects.

In so far as Sericulture projects for NE as indicated at No: (iii) & (iv) are concerned, for implementation of NER-TPS, Detailed Project Report (DPR) along with Executive summary, Standing Finance Committee/EFC Note and Action Plan in respect of all the States of NE Region have been formulated and submitted to Ministry for consideration and approval for implementation from 2013-14 to 2016-17. The projects have been formulated by converging NERTPS as well as components under CDP to ensure that :

- i. Physical and Financial milestone have been kept keeping in mind States' absorption capacity,
- ii. Safeguards to avoid duplicacy of funds released under CDP, SPA and NERTPS and mandate of these schemes have been clearly specified,
- iii. Required additional staff will be provided by the State Govt. for implementation and monitoring of the project.

Project Approval and Monitoring Committee (PAMC) constituted under Chairpersonship of Secretary (Textiles) has approved the projects under NERTPS in respect of mulberry part of the project of Manipur (Rs. **149.76 cr**) and Arunachal Pradesh (Rs. **18.42 cr**), interalia, in a meeting held at New Delhi on 17-12-2013. In so far as the CDP part of the projects are concerned, approval is being accorded under the project approval mechanism of CDP by Apex Monitoring Committee and funds released as per AMC's recommendations, on an year on year basis.

During the above PAMC meeting, it was suggested that, while implementing the projects, duplicacy should be avoided since CDP is also being dovetailed to the project of Arunachal Pradesh and in respect of Manipur project, there are certain components which are similar to CDP. Subsequent to the PAMC meeting, Joint Secretary (Silk) has also taken a meeting with the above States and Officers of CSB

on 2nd January, 2014 at New Delhi regarding strategy for implementation of the projects and preparation of Action Plan. Inter alia, the following important issues were discussed in the meeting.

- (i) Preparedness of the states for implementation of the projects and fund absorption capacity.
- (ii) Restricting the development of sericulture in potential districts only in cluster mode.
- (iii) Providing sufficient manpower at field level for implementation of the projects.
- (iv) To organize inception workshops for the orientation of the project implementing personnel.
- (v) Safeguards to be put in place to avoid duplicacy of the project areas and components under NER-TPS and CDP.
- (vi) Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh to provide necessary facilities to CSB for re-locating the Muga P3 Unit at Jia to Itanagar for functioning as REC to provide technical support for implementation of the project.

Subsequent to the above meeting and keeping in view the suggestions by Joint Secretary (Silk), detailed Action Plans were prepared by the States in consultation with the CSB and submitted to Ministry. Further, based on the recent suggestions from Ministry, these Action Plans have been revised and sent to Ministry for implementation in 3 years (2014-15 to 2016-17), since no funds were released by Ministry during 2013-14.

The Integrated Sericulture Development Projects under NERTPS in respect of Assam, BTC, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Meghalaya have been recast for implementation from 2014-15 to 2016-17 and are presently under consideration of Ministry. These projects are expected to be considered during the next PAMC meeting scheduled to be held shortly. During the meeting held by Member Secretary, with Heads of DOSs in NE States on 17.07.2014, at Bangalore, the present status / preparedness of these States to implement the projects have been reviewed. The States were suggested to complete all preliminary ground work under each component of the project. The project in respect of Sikkim State, is being recast for 3 years i.e. 2014-15 to 2016-17 and shall be sent to Ministry, shortly for consideration.

The components of NERTPS for Sericulture is aimed at development and upgradation of infrastructure at State level, and components under CDP are meant for plantation, rearing and post cocoon infrastructure development at stakeholders' level. Implementation of the projects is expected to give a major fillip to the financial constraints faced by NE State sericulture departments in upgrading and effective utilization of the infrastructure for enhancing production and productivity of silk coupled with employment generation in the rural areas along with product development and diversification. Since the allocation under CDP for NE States for XII Plan is limited, convergence with NERTPS will ensure maximization of benefits with focused approach.

The details of Sericulture Projects under NERTPS are indicated below:

(a) Financial

(Rs. in crore.)

#	Name of Project (2014-15 to 2016-17)	Project cost					
		CDP		NERTPS		Total (CDP +NERTPS)	
		Total	Of which CSB share	Total	Of which MoT share	Total cost	Of which MoT share
1a	Manipur Sericulture Development Project (Mulberry)			149.76	126.60	149.76	126.60
1b	Manipur Sericulture Development Project (Eri)			140.95	118.20	140.95	118.20
2	Integrated Sericulture Development Project						
1	Project for Arunachal Pradesh	16.31	13.19	18.42	18.42	34.73	31.61
2	Project for Mizoram	36.77	30.04	21.25	21.25	58.02	51.29
3	Project for Assam	89.21	72.04	149.35	137.01	238.56	209.05
4	Project for Nagaland	33.76	27.54	33.19	33.19	66.95	60.73
5	Project for BTC	34.11	27.79	48.39	47.96	82.50	75.75
6	Project for Meghalaya	33.08	26.95	44.11	44.11	77.19	71.06
7	Project for Tripura	29.10	23.48	33.24	30.49	62.34	53.97
8	Project for Sikkim	8.93	7.29	17.26	17.26	26.19	24.55
	Total (10 Projects)	281.27	228.32	655.92	594.49	937.19	822.81

* Proposal being sent to Ministry.

(b) Physical

#	Name of the Project	Mulberry	Oak Tasar	Eri	Muga	Total
1a	Manipur Sericulture Development Project (Mulberry)					2500
	(i) Acreage proposed (Ac)	2500	-	-	-	203
	(ii) Raw Silk prodn. by end of Project period (MT)	203	-	-	-	2896
	(iii) Total bene. to be covered	-	-	-	-	2500

	(Nos.) (iv) of which benef. to be covered through plantation(Nos.)	2500	-	-	-	
1b	Manipur Sericulture Development Project (Eri) (i)Acreage proposed (Ac) (ii) Raw Silk production by end of Project period (MT) (iii) Total beneficiaries to be covered (iv) of which beneficiaries to be covered through plantation (Nos.)	- - - -	- - - -	3750 96 3750	- - - -	3750 96 3750 3750
1	Arunachal Pradesh (i) Acreage proposed (Ac) (ii) Raw Silk production by end of Project period (MT) (iii) Total beneficiaries to covered (Nos.) (iv) Beneficiaries to be covered through plantation(Nos.)	250 13 - 250	50 3 - 50	450 17 - 450	300 3 - 300	1050 36 1362 1050
2	Mizoram (i) Acreage proposed (Ac) (ii) Raw Silk production by end of Project period (MT) (iv) Total beneficiaries to covered (Nos.) (iii) Beneficiaries to be covered through plantation (Nos.)	850 32 - 850	100 7 - 100	370 14 - 370	320 3 - 320	1640 56 3096 1640
3	Assam (i)Acreage proposed (Ac) (ii) Raw Silk production by end of Project period (MT) (iii) Total beneficiaries to be covered (Nos.)	625 23	55 1	2580 124	2200 11	5460 159

	(iv) Beneficiaries to be covered through plantation (Nos.)	-	-	-	-	4241
		625	55	2580	2200	5460
4	Nagaland					
	(i) Acreage proposed (Ac)	525	300	650	400	1875
	(ii) Raw Silk production by end of Project period (MT)	20	12	25	4	61
	(iii) Total beneficiaries to be covered (Nos.)	-	-	-	-	4241
	(iv) Beneficiaries to be covered through plantation (Nos.)	525	300	650	400	1875
5	BTC					
	(i) Acreage proposed (Ac)	300	-	1035	600	1935
	(ii) Raw Silk production by end of Project period (MT)	11	-	50	3	64
	(iii) Total beneficiaries to be covered (Nos.)	-	-	-	-	2335
	(iv) Beneficiaries to be covered through plantation (Nos.)	300	-	1035	600	1935
6	Meghalaya					
	(i) Acreage proposed (Ac)	380	-	750	750	1880
	(ii) Raw Silk production by end of Project period (MT)	22	-	25	5	52
	(iii) Total beneficiaries to be covered (Nos.)	-	-	-	-	2448
	(iv) Beneficiaries to be covered through plantation (Nos.)	380	-	750	750	1880
7	Tripura					
	(i) Acreage proposed (Ac)	1030	-	-	-	1030
	(ii) Raw Silk production by end of Project period (MT)	33	-	-	-	33
	(iii) Total beneficiaries to be covered (Nos.)	-	-	-	-	730
	(iv) Beneficiaries to be covered through plantation (Nos.)	-	-	-	-	730

	through plantation (Nos.)	1030	-	-	-	1030
8	Sikkim					
	(i) Acreage proposed (Ac)	200	-	150	100	450
	(ii) Raw Silk production by end of Project period (MT)	7.5	-	10	0.50	18
	(iii) Total beneficiaries to be covered (Nos.)	-	-	-	-	550
	(iv) Beneficiaries to be covered through plantation (Nos.)	200	-	150	100	450
Total for 8 NE States and Bodoland Territorial Council						
Area expansion (Acres)		6660	505	9735	4670	21570
Raw silk production by terminal year (2016-17) : MT		364.50	23	361	29.5	778
Total Beneficiaries to be covered under the project		-	-	-	-	31467
Beneficiaries to be covered (Nos) through area expansion (Acres)		6660	505	9735	4670	21570

Production of raw silk envisaged under these projects are in addition to the normal targets for these States fixed for XII Plan. Out of the overall silk production target of 32,000 MT for the country during XII Plan, the target for NE States is 4,869 MT, which is 15% of the country's production. With implementation of NERTPS with convergence of CDP, the total silk production from NE is expected to reach 5,350 MT which is 17% share of country's total silk production. For additional silk production, CSB will be gearing up for enhanced production of quality basic silkworm seeds and supply of improved varieties of silkworm host plants to support the States, besides organizing trainers' training and beneficiary empowerment programme, supporting the States in project implementation, monitoring and conducting evaluation.

For DPR and project details, the concerned State Sericulture Departments may be contacted to Plan for seed sourcing, manpower training and related project implementation requirements.

Present status

Since Ministry could not release the funds for implementation of the following two projects during 2013-14 due to technical reasons, as desired by the Ministry, revised Action Plan to implement the project over a period of 3 years from 2014-15 to 2016-17 was drawn in consultation with the concerned States and sent to Ministry. While

there is no change in the total project cost already approved, re-phasing of the targets were done for implementation in three years instead of four years. As per the revised Action Plan, the year-wise fund requirement for implementation of the approved projects are indicated in the table below :

[Rs. in crore]

Years	Total Cost	Sharing of expenditure		
		Govt	State	Benef.
Arunachal Pradesh				
2014-15	10.36	10.36	--	--
2015-16	4.84	4.84	--	--
2016-17	3.22	3.22	--	--
Total	18.42	18.42	--	--
Manipur				
2014-15	35.64	30.08	3.10	2.46
2015-16	58.18	48.96	5.10	4.12
2016-17	55.94	47.56	4.75	3.63
Total	149.76	126.60	12.95	10.21

The present status of implementation of NERTPS in Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur are briefly given below:

Arunachal Pradesh:

- ❖ Identification of Grainages for upgradation and strengthening of sericulture farms as earmarked under NER-TPS during 2014-15 under Muga, Eri and Mulberry sector, preparation of blue-print and estimate etc., are under progress.
- ❖ Preparation of blue-print and estimate for establishment of Common Facility Centres as earmarked under the Project for 2014-15 are under progress.
- ❖ Selection of Beneficiaries to be covered under NER-TPS is under progress in both pre and post cocoon sector.
- ❖ Selection of Facilitator / Extension worker proposed to be engaged for effective implementation of the project is under progress.
- ❖ To avoid duplicacy of the components, Action Plan has already been prepared in association with CSB and submitted to the Ministry.
- ❖ Regarding handing over of State Govt. Farm at Balijan to CSB for establishment of Research Extension Centre under Central Muga Eri Research & Training Institute, CSB, Lahdoigarh, Jorhat, joint survey has already been carried out and accordingly, draft Terms & Conditions have been prepared and forwarded to Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh for approval.
- ❖ Inception workshop is planned to be organized shortly after receipt of the funds.

Manipur :

- For implementation of NER-TPS in Manipur, new posts have been sanctioned and the recruitment process has already been completed. The appointment letters to the selected candidates will be issued shortly and they will be placed accordingly.
- Identification of beneficiaries and schedule for training for pre & post cocoon sectors has already been chalked out at Directorate level and submitted to Govt. of Manipur for approval.
- Identification of Grainages for up-gradation and strengthening of sericulture farms as earmarked under NER-TPS during 2014-15 under Mulberry sector, preparation of blue-print and estimate etc., are under progress.
- Identification of potential districts/locations particularly covering valley districts has already been completed.
- To avoid duplicacy of the components, Action Plan identifying separate district for NERTPS and CDP has already been prepared in association with CSB and submitted to Ministry.
- Inception workshop is planned to be organized shortly after receipt of the funds.

Release of funds to Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur (Mulberry project)

As against the first year Govt. of India share of Rs.10.36 crore, the Ministry has released Rs.3.36 crore to CSB for further release to Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. In respect of Manipur, the Ministry has released the entire first year requirement of Rs.30.08 crore to CSB. The CSB has already released these funds to respective states with a request to take action to implement the projects as per approved guidelines and terms and conditions put-forth by the Ministry. The CSB has prepared a monitoring format and provided to the concerned for micro-monitoring the activities as detailed in the DPR and the R & D Institutes viz. CSR&TI, Berhampore and CMERTI, Lahdoigarh have been asked to specifically monitor the achievements on monthly basis and report the progress.
