

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL TEXTILES MINISTERS

948. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Textiles Ministers' Conference was recently held in Guwahati;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives;
- (c) the details of key themes discussed and major policy deliberations undertaken during the conference;
- (d) the details of resolutions, action points or consensus decisions along with the proposed future roadmap for growth of the textile sector taken during the conference; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to implement the outcomes of the conference in coordination with State Governments and other stakeholders?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) & (b): Yes. The National Textiles Ministers' Conference was held in Guwahati, Assam on 8–9 January 2026. It was organized by the Ministry of Textiles under the theme “India's Textiles: Weaving Growth, Heritage & Innovation.” The conference brought together Union and State Textile Ministers and senior officials to deliberate on strengthening India's textile sector and positioning the country as a global manufacturing hub.

(c): The key themes discussed were inter-alia Infrastructure, Investment & Manufacturing & Sustainability; Expanding Exports, Competitiveness & Branding of Textiles of India; Raw Materials & Fibres; Technical Textiles & New Age Fibres; and Traditional Textiles & Handicrafts

(d): The National Textiles Ministers' Conference concluded in Guwahati after two days of extensive deliberations with participation from Ministers and officials of States and Union Territories. The Conference resolved to:

- i. Strengthen Centre–State coordination for effective implementation of textile schemes;
- ii. Accelerate infrastructure development and technology upgradation under flagship programmes;
- iii. Work collectively towards achieving higher textile exports by 2030 through competitiveness and branding of Textiles of India;
- iv. Preserve and promote traditional textiles, handlooms and handicrafts, ensuring market access, value addition and livelihoods for artisans and weavers;
- v. Integrate sustainability and innovation across the textile value chain; and
- vi. The outcomes mark a significant step towards policy convergence, investment promotion and holistic growth of India's textile sector, laying the roadmap for making India a global textile hub.

(e): The Government, in coordination with States and stakeholders, is fast- tracking infrastructure, technology upgradation, skill development, sustainability initiatives, and exports of Textiles of India.
