

**Re: Setting up of a new textile mill in Bolangir, Odisha-laid**

**SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR):** Textiles of Odisha are known all over the world. Its Sambalpuri textile is cotton fabric primarily known for its unique production technique—ikat or Ikkat i.e., 'tie and dye technique'—which is locally known as Bandha Kalaa. Though it is known by the name of Sambalpur district, there are also weavers' communities in the rural areas of Bolangir, Sonepur and other districts of Western Odisha who are involved in the production of this beautiful textile and have helped to keep alive the tradition for generations. I request the Hon?ble Minister of Textiles to set up a new Textile Mill in Bolangir which would not only contribute significantly to the local economy but also create employment and livelihood opportunities for the cotton farmers and weavers in the region.