

Regarding proposal to establish a Textile and Handloom Park in Gopalpur, Odisha

DR. RABINDRA NARAYAN BEHERA (JAJPUR): Thank you, Chairperson Sir, for giving me this opportunity to put my views in Zero Hour.

I am talking about my constituency Jajpur. Jajpur was the ancient capital of Utkal in the past. It is famous for Buddhism and ancient monuments. It is also famous for textiles and handloom products.

Sir, I am talking about Tussar production. In the area of Sukinda, lot of Tussar production is there. There is a village, namely, Gopalpur. It is my village. In ancient times, Chaitanya Prabhu visited Odisha and their community got settled on the banks of River Brahmani. Gopalpur is famous for Tussar sarees. They are preparing beautiful sarees, *utris* and other related products of Tussar.

My question to the hon. Minister of Textiles and Handlooms is whether the Government has any proposal for branding and capacity-building of weavers engaged in the profession of Tussar weaving in Jajpur District? My second question is regarding the steps taken or being taken in this regard. Is there any proposal by the Government to establish a Textile and Handloom Park in Gopalpur and Rasulpur blocks of Jajpur District. That is my question to the hon. Minister. Thank you, Sir, for giving me this opportunity.