

Title: Need to set up an Apparel Park in Choudwar, Orissa under 'Apparel Parks for Exports' scheme-Laid.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK) : There is an urgent need to set up an Apparel Park in Choudwar of Orissa, similar to the Millennium Park in Mumbai, with the Central Government help. The proposed Park may be set up as envisaged in the National Textile Policy – 2000. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme named 'Apparel Parks for Exports' is intended to impart focussed thrust for setting up apparel manufacturing units of international standards at potential growth centres.

This Apparel Park will have garment units each one of it with at least 200 sewing machines creating employment opportunities for about 20 thousand people. Besides, 3.5 lakh weavers of the State will also benefit as they will get ready market. The Park will also have ancillary units for manufacturing buttons, processing and washing to ensure value addition to the garments.

As Orissa Government has agreed to provide 150 acres of land free of stamp duty for the Park and Infrastructure Development Corporation of Orissa has been identified as the implementing agency, necessary support as grant be provided at the earliest for speedy execution of the project.