

## **SETTING UP OF YARN BANKS :**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced a proposal of the Department of Handloom & Textiles in his Speech at the Budget Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly for the year 2012-2013 to set up one Yarn Bank in every District Head Quarter with sufficient stocks of varieties of yarns. The proposal contains Rs. 20.00 lakhs for construction of building to keep a reasonable stock of yarns amounting to Rs. 25.00 lakhs at the initial stage. Accordingly the State Govt. provided an allocation of Rs. 469.00 lakhs during 2013-2014 which have been drawn and utilized for setting up of Yarn Banks in 11 districts. The constructed Yarn Banks are ready for function at (1) Barpeta, (2) Goalpara, (3) Nagaon, (4) Jorhat, (5) Sivasagar, (6) Dibrugarh, (7) Tinsukia, (8) Lakhimpur, (9) Dhemaji, (10) Silchar and (11) Kamrup (Sualkuchi).

The State Govt. allocated Rs. 400.00 lakhs in 2014-2015 to set up yarn banks at another 8 districts. But scheme could not be implemented due to shortage of budget after plan cut during the financial year 2014-2015. Again, Govt. did not sanction the allocated fund for the scheme during the year 2015-16. During 2016-17 sanction received for Rs. 400.00 lakhs as allocated in the budget and the amount drawn for establishment of Yarn Banks at (1) Golaghat, (2) Morigaon, (3) Darrang, (4) Sonitpur, (5) Nalbari, (6) Dhubri, (7) Bongaigaon, (8) Kokrajhar (9) Karimganj.

During the financial year 2017-18 budget provision has been made for the remaining portion of Rs. 346.00 lakhs for the Yarn Banks to be established at (1) Kamrup (M), (2) Biswanath, (3) Hailakandi, (4) Hojai, (5) Charaideo, (6) Hatsingimari,