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Association president Hari Kishan Rathu urged state industry and commerce minister Shashi Panja, who inaugurated the meet on Saturday, to set up a garment park.

The minister, however, replied: "The state will help you if you set up the garment park on land available with govt. But no new land will be acquired by govt for this." She also mentioned that the garment park at Belegghata had received Rs 256 crore investment so far.

WBGMDA secretary Devendra Baid said the three-day meet, which sees participation from garment wholesalers across the country, is likely to garner transactions worth Rs 1,000 crore to Rs 1,200 crore.