GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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ASSISTANCE TO RURAL CRAFTSMEN, SCULPTURES AND WEAVERS IN ODISHA

1243. SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance Government has provided to the rural craftsmen, sculptures and weavers in Odisha during COVID pandemic times to earn their livelihood; and

(b) whether one "Craft Village" could be established in Odisha where the traditional craftsmen and weavers can stay and display their rich handicrafts, sculptures of the State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Yes Sir, The Government has provided assistance to the rural craftsmen, sculptures and weavers in Odisha in Handicrafts and Handloom sector, so, that artisans and weavers earn their livelihood during COVID Pandemic times, through different schemes under;

HANDICARFTS SECTOR

The National Handicraft Development Programme has following components:

1) Base Line Survey & Mobilization of Artisans under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana,
2) Design & Technology Up gradation,
3) Human Resource Development ,
4) Direct Benefit to Artisans,
5) Infrastructure and Technology Support,
6) Research and Development,
7) Marketing Support & Services.

The Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) has following components:

1) Mega Cluster
2) Special projects under Integrated Development and Promotion of Handicraft (IDPH).

HANDLOOM SECTOR

1) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP).
2) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS),
3) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS) and
4) Yarn Supply Scheme (YSS).

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided for raw materials, purchase of looms and accessories, design innovation, product diversification, infrastructure development, skill up-gradation, lighting units, marketing of handloom products and loan at concessional rates to handloom weavers.

(b): Government has already implemented one Craft village at Raghurajpur in Odisha where the traditional craftsmen and weavers can stay and display their rich handicrafts, sculptures of the State.

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