GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-798
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SCHEME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN HANDLOOM WORKERS

798. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is running any scheme with the objective of development of women handloom workers in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is proposing any special package for such women workers, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a) to (c): Under various schematic interventions for handloom workers including women handloom workers throughout the country including Rajasthan, financial assistance is provided to the eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, purchase of upgraded looms & accessories, design innovation & product diversification, infrastructure development, marketing of handloom products in domestic as well as overseas markets, Weavers MUDRA loans etc.

To overcome the issues faced by handloom workers, the Government has taken following steps: -

i) Steps have been taken to on-board weavers on Government e-Market place to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations. So far about 1.5 lakh weavers have been on-boarded on the GeM portal.

ii) Under Weaver MUDRA/Concessional Credit Scheme, margin money assistance at 20% of the loan amount subject to a maximum of Rs. 25,000/- for individual weaver and Rs. 20 lakh for Handloom Organizations, interest subvention upto 7% and credit guarantee fees on loans for a period of three years are provided.

In order to encourage women handloom workers, the Ministry of Textiles provides additional incentives to them to sustain and augment their handloom business. Some of the benefits provided to the women weavers are: -

- There is 100% subsidy to women handloom weavers for construction of worksheds under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP).

- Since 2016, Kamladevi Chattopadhyay Award has been instituted specifically for women weavers.

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