

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF HANDLOOM

2075. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of the cluster development project of handloom in North Eastern Region under North East Textiles Promotion scheme;
- (b) the scheme's impact and outcomes so far;
- (c) whether specific areas and States in North Eastern Region have been identified for this project; and
- (d) whether there is any survey conducted so far to know the labour productivity and production?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): North East Region Textiles Promotion Scheme was in operation from 2013-14 to 2020-21 and was discontinued from 01.04.2021. Under this Scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 83.20 crore has been provided for implementation of 287 Handloom Cluster Development Projects.

This Scheme was applicable for entire North East Region and no specific areas & States have been identified for the project.

The performance of cluster development projects taken up under North East Region Textiles Promotion Scheme has been evaluated by independent agency. The evaluation studies reported increase in earnings and number of working days of weavers.

Ministry of Textiles has conducted Handloom Census during 2019-20 to assess the workforce engaged in handloom sector. As per report, about 18.55 lakh handloom workers are engaged in weaving and its allied activities in North Eastern States.
