

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2879
ANSWERED ON- 24/03/2023

STATUS OF HANDLOOM SECTOR

2879. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the share of handloom sector in India's Gross Domestic Product, industrial production, export earnings and total employment during the last five financial years and the percentage of decline in the share of this sector during the said period, year-wise;
- (b) the details of reduction in the budget of handloom sector and the businesses closed during the said period, year-wise;
- (c) the revenue generated by the handloom sector from GST during the last five years; and
- (d) the number of people associated with handloom sector who committed suicide during the said period?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Due to unorganized and traditional nature of the handloom sector, data, pertaining to this sector is dispersed and largely unavailable for centralized quantification. However, Handloom Export earnings during the last five financial years are as follows:

Year	Handloom Export
	USD in million
2017-18	353.92
2018-19	343.43
2019-20	315.62
2020-21	222.65
2021-22	266.88

In the handloom sector, 35.23 lakh persons are engaged on about 28.23 lakh handlooms.

Year-wise details of Budget allocated under the handloom schemes during the last five years are as follows:

		(Rs. in Crore)				
S. N.	Name of Scheme	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1.	National Handloom Development Programme	184.74	142.08	166.71	161.49	165.50
2.	Raw Material Supply Scheme	200.00	155.41	165.21	70.00	105.00
	Total	384.74	297.49	331.92	231.49	270.5

(c): GST rates are prescribed on the recommendation of the GST Council, which is a Constitutional Body comprising members from Union Government and State/UT Governments. No separate GST rates for handloom sector have been prescribed and data on GST collections from handloom sector exclusively is not maintained.

(d): No such report has been received from any State Government about suicide of handloom weavers.
