

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3520**  
ANSWERED ON- 31/03/2023

**SUPPORT TO WEAVERS**

3520. SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of the fact that the handloom weavers are facing crisis due to non-availability of raw materials at reasonable cost and lack of demand for products;
- (b) if so, the special assistance schemes extended to the weavers to recover from debt crisis;
- (c) the details of weavers who have benefited from the financial assistance in each State; and
- (d) whether there is any specific plan to rejuvenate the weaving clusters in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a):** No such concern has been brought to the notice of this office.

However, Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) is being implemented across the country to make available Yarn to Handloom workers at reasonable price. Under RMSS, freight charges are reimbursed for all types of yarn and 15% price subsidy is provided for cotton hank yarn, domestic silk, wool and linen and blended yarn of natural fibres.

**(b) & (c):** Concessional Credit/Weavers' MUDRA Scheme provides financial assistance across the country to handloom workers to meet credit requirements in a flexible and cost-effective manner. Under the scheme, 44,361 weavers have benefitted from 2019-2020 to February 2023.

**(d):** Ministry of Textiles has been implementing Cluster Development Programme under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) to provide need based financial assistance to handloom workers in identified clusters. The proposals are received from State/UTs/WSCs for implementation of various interventions like looms & upgraded accessories, solar lighting units, worksheds, design and product development, marketing etc.

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