

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-317  
ANSWERED ON- 21/07/2023

**ASSISTANCE TO HANDLOOM WORKERS IN KARNATAKA UNDER NHDP**

317. SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP);
- (b) whether financial assistance through Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata is given under this programme for looms and also for accessories for handloom workers;
- (c) if so, the details of financial assistance provided to handloom workers in Karnataka during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise; and
- (d) whether Government would consider increasing budget to cover more handloom workers, particularly in Karnataka in view of very positive assessment of the scheme as per independent third-party agencies?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a):** Ministry of Textiles is implementing National Handloom Development Programme to provide need based financial assistance to eligible handloom agencies and handloom workers through various interventions like Cluster Development Programme including Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (HSS), Design & product development, Marketing support, Weaver's Mudra loan, Weavers welfare etc. for development of handlooms and welfare of handloom workers across the country including Karnataka.

**(b) & (c):** Under Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (HSS), financial assistance is provided to handloom workers for upgradation of looms & accessories to improve quality and enhance productivity based on the complete proposals received from the concerned States/UTs Governments. Details of year-wise and district-wise financial assistance provided under HSS in Karnataka State during last three years and current year from 2020-21 to 2023-24 (till 14.07.2023) are annexed:

**(d):** The performance of interventions under Cluster Development Programme including Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata has been evaluated by independent third-party agencies and the studies indicated positive impact led to increase in earnings and the number of working days of handloom workers.

It is a continuous process to provide financial assistance to cover more handloom workers under the scheme across the country, including Karnataka State, depending on the receipt of complete proposals from States/UTs & availability of fund in a particular year.

**Annexure****Statement referred to in reply to part (b) and (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.317 for answer on 21.07.2023****Year-wise & District-wise financial assistance provided to Karnataka State under HSS during the last three years and the current year**

Sl. No.	District	Year (Rs. in lakh)				Total
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 upto 14.07.2023	
1	Bagalkot	66.34	11.01	45.36	59.51	182.22
2	Bengaluru North	21.57	0.00	13.84		35.41
3	Chamarajanagar	18.75	0.00	2.49		21.24
4	Kalaburgai	34.44	0.00	0.00	26.23	60.67
5	Koppal	29.40	0.00	2.36	29.99	61.75
6	Udupi	1.24	1.37	4.77		7.38
7	Ballery		1.2	28.8		30.00
8	Bidar		4.11			4.11
9	Davanagere		0.87	23.34		24.21
10	Hassan		10.89	8.06		18.95
11	Shivamogga		0.71	1.18		1.89
12	Belagaum			7.94		7.94
13	Chikkaballapura			5.31		5.31
14	Chitradurga			66.86		66.86
15	Dakshina Kannada			3.92		3.92
16	Haveri			0.24		0.24
17	Kolar			10.57		10.57
18	Gadag			35.85		35.85
19	Mandya			1.98		1.98
20	Ramanagara			3.32		3.32
21	Tumakur			74.39		74.39
22	Vijayapura			1.06		1.06
	<b>Total</b>	<b>171.74</b>	<b>30.16</b>	<b>341.64</b>	<b>115.72</b>	<b>659.26</b>

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