

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO-**\*150**  
ANSWERED ON- 15/12/2023

**DEVELOPMENT OF HANDLOOM CLUSTERS**

\*150. SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of handloom clusters in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the progress of handloom cluster development projects in various States;
- (c) whether any specific areas or States have been identified under this project, if so, the details thereof;  
and
- (d) whether Government have any strategy to support the declining handloom industry in the country?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

**(a) to (d):** A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (D) OF THE RAJYA SABHA  
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**(a) & (b):** The Cluster Development Programme, a component of National Handloom Development Programme is under implementation since 2015-16 for providing financial assistance to Handloom Workers through various interventions like upgraded looms & accessories, construction of work sheds, solar lighting units, product & design development, skill upgradation etc. across the country.

State-wise number of handloom clusters financially assisted through various interventions from the years 2015-16 to 2023-24 (till 30.11.2023) is given at **Annexure**.

**(c):** Handloom Pockets are identified by respective State Government based on the requirement of handloom workers and accordingly, proposals are submitted by State Government concerned to Government of India for providing financial assistance.

**(d):** To provide end to end support for promotion of handloom sector and welfare of handloom workers, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes across the country:

1. National Handloom Development Programme
2. Raw Material Supply Scheme

Under the National Handloom Development Programme, clusters are identified and financially assisted through various interventions like provision of upgraded looms and accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, concessional loans under MUDRA Scheme, social security for the beneficiaries etc.

Under the Raw Material Supply Scheme, the Ministry provides transport subsidy for transportation of yarn to the doorstep of the beneficiary, and 15% Price Subsidy on Cotton Hank Yarn, Domestic Silk, Woollen and Linen yarn and blended yarn of natural fibres.

Annexure**State/UT-wise number of handloom clusters financially assisted through various interventions like Skill upgradation, upgraded looms & accessories, Worksheds, Lighting units etc. during 2015-16 to 2023-24 (till 30.11.2023) under the Cluster Development Programme**

S. No	State/UTs	No. of clusters completed/ closed	No. of Ongoing clusters	Total No. of clusters
1	Andhra Pradesh	52	32	84
2	Arunachal Pradesh	5	16	21
3	Assam	43	36	79
4	Bihar	13	15	28
5	Chhattisgarh	6	6	12
6	Gujarat	3	4	7
7	Himachal Pradesh	3	15	18
8	Jammu & Kashmir (including Ladakh )	11	5	16
9	Jharkhand	30	-	30
10	Karnataka	2	7	9
11	Kerala	5	11	16
12	Madhya Pradesh	6	6	12
13	Maharashtra	5	5	10
14	Manipur	10	26	36
15	Meghalaya	3	3	6
16	Mizoram	7	19	26
17	Nagaland	13	1	14
18	Odisha	22	12	34
19	Rajasthan	1	2	3
20	Sikkim	1	1	2
21	Tamil Nadu	52	24	76
22	Telangana	-	35	35
23	Tripura	3	13	16
24	Uttar Pradesh	35	41	76
25	Uttarakhand	1	2	3
26	West Bengal	4	29	33
	<b>Total</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>702</b>

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