

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-148
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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF HANDLOOMS AND HANDICRAFT WORKERS

148. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government provides scholarships to the children of small handloom workers to pursue education in fields other than textile related subjects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, whether Government plans to expand the scope of these scholarships;
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government to encourage enrolment of eligible beneficiaries under this scholarship programme, along with the funds allocated for the same;
- (d) whether Government proposes to launch a similar scholarship scheme for children of handicraft workers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): There is no provision under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) for providing scholarships to the children of handloom workers for study in fields other than textile related subjects. However, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India is providing Scholarship upto Rs.2 lakh per annum per child to handloom weavers/workers' children (upto 2 children) for study in Diploma/Under Graduate/Post Graduate courses of recognized Textiles Institutions across the country.

(c): Ministry of Textiles, Government of India is organizing Awareness camps/Chaupals to encourage handloom weavers/workers about the benefits of handloom schemes including Scholarship throughout the country. No separate fund is allocated under the Scholarship programme. However, funds amounting to Rs.35.12 lakh have been sanctioned/released to 64 handloom weavers/workers' children across the country under NHDP.

(d)&(e): There is no such provision under National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) for providing Scholarship to the children of handicrafts workers.
