

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-155**  
ANSWERED ON- 02/02/2024

**HANDICRAFTS DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES**

155. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:  
SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) is conflicting with National Handicraft Development Programme Scheme (NHDP) since both schemes deal with design development, marketing, social security, etc. if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) to what extent the NHDP is helping weavers and artisans through its various interventions;
- (c) whether there are any State-specific interventions under above scheme, if so, details thereof, with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the amount announced, sanctioned, approved, released and spent under NHDP and CHCDS in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years and the current year, year-wise and district-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): The National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) have different objectives. Whereas, CHCDS scheme is intended to scale up the infrastructural and production chain at various places specifically a large crafts rich and artisans' concentrated areas (minimum 10,000 artisans), the NHDP scheme envisages supports to individual and small clusters' artisans (upto 1,000 artisans) through marketing platforms, skilling, social security etc.
- (b): The NHDP scheme through its interventions is providing marketing support, skill development, cluster development, promotion of business environment through formation of Producer Companies, direct benefit to artisans, infrastructural and technology support, research and development support for cluster and individual artisans.
- (c): CHCDS having large fund commitments and having developmental implications for a larger area becomes state specific projects and it is taken up through Central/state Handicrafts corporation/state government agencies having good experience in handicrafts sector. Under CHCDS scheme one Mega Cluster Project has been sanctioned in the state of Andhra Pradesh in FY 2022-23.
- (d): Government of India provides assistance to identified clusters/ artisans therefore district-wise data is not maintained. However, the details of funds sanctioned/ approved and released/ spent under NHDP and CHCDS scheme in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years and current year is given at **Annexure-I**.

**Statement referred to in reply to part (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 155 for answer on 02.02.2024.****Fund sanctioned/ approved and released/ spent during the last five year and current year (upto 31.12.2023) under NHDP and CHCDS scheme in the state of Andhra Pradesh:**

S. No	Scheme	Fund	(Amount in ₹ lakhs)					
			2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	NHDP	Sanctioned/ approved	99.09	353.13	526.02	1,528.20	548.52	324.03
		Released/ spent	44.54	183.56	312.55	807.19	323.48	236.22
2.	CHCDS	Sanctioned/ approved	203.18	--*	--*	129.08	--**	200.00
		Released/ spent	203.18	--*	--*	129.08	--**	200.00

**Note**

\* During the financial year 2019-20, 2020-21, no funds were requested by the State Implementing Agency under CHCDS.

\*\* Due to non-availability of new CNA Account of Implementing Agency, no funds have been sanctioned during the FY 2022-23 under CHCDS.

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