

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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SCHEMES FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS IN NAGALAND

2554. SMT. S. PHANGNON KONYAK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Central Government schemes currently available for handloom weavers in Nagaland;
- (b) the number of artisans and weavers in Nagaland who have benefitted from these schemes in the last three years, district-wise;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any impact assessment of these schemes in the State, and if so, the key findings; and
- (d) whether Government has any plans to introduce new schemes or enhance existing ones to further support the handloom sector in Nagaland, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a): To provide end to end support for development and promotion of handloom sector and for welfare of handloom weavers/workers, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes across the country including Nagaland:

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

Under the National Handloom Development Programme, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/weavers for procurement of upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing support for handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme and social security etc.

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

(b): District-wise number of weavers/artisans benefited in Nagaland under these schemes during the last three years is as follows:

Sl. No.	State	Total number of weavers benefitted
1	Chumukedima	390
2	Dimapur	190
3	Kohima	4
4	Mokokchung	157
5	Mon	40
6	Noklak	21
7	Peren	22
8	Phek	286
9	Tuensang	24
10	Wokha	108
	Total	1,242

(c): As per impact assessment report, the schemes have had positive impact on performance of the handloom sector and have played a major role in improving average earnings of handloom weavers and average increase in the number of working days throughout the country including Nagaland.

(d): To support the handloom sector across the country including Nagaland, these schemes are under implementation till 2025-26. Further, impact assessment studies are underway for EFC proposals of new schemes or enhancing existing ones beyond 2025-26.
