

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2558**  
ANSWERED ON- 21/03/2025

**SCHEMES FOR WELFARE OF HANDLOOM WEAVERS**

2558. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of handloom weavers across the country, particularly, in Puducherry as on date;
- (b) the schemes being implemented by Government for the welfare of handloom weavers; and
- (c) the details of amount released by Government for various schemes for weavers during each of the last three years and the current year?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

**(a):** As per 4<sup>th</sup> All India Handloom Census 2019-20, there are 35,22,512 number of handloom weavers/workers across the country, of which 1,690 handloom weavers/workers are in Puducherry.

**(b):** Ministry of Textiles, Government of India is implementing following schemes under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) for the welfare of handloom weavers/workers across the country:

- Financial support of Rs.8,000/- per month to Awardee handloom weavers/workers above 60 years of age, in indigent circumstances having annual income below Rs.1.00 lakh and Scholarship upto Rs.2.00 lakh per annum to handloom weavers/workers' child (upto 2 children) for study in Diploma/Under Graduate/Post Graduate courses of Central/State Govt. recognized/funded Textiles Institutions.
- Universal and affordable social security in case of natural/accidental death and total/partial disability through insurance schemes i.e. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).

**(c):** The details of amount released by Ministry of Textiles, Government of India during each of the last three financial years and the current financial year for implementation of following two schemes for handloom weavers/workers are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)					
S. No.	Name of the Scheme	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 (upto 17.03.2025)
1.	National Handloom Development Programme	165.37	152.51	186.36	192.06
2.	Raw Material Supply Scheme	89.53	139.70	159.72	171.98

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