

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3993**  
ANSWERED ON- 04/04/2025

**WELFARE OF WEAVERS THROUGH VARIOUS SCHEME**

3993. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures being taken by Government to ensure optimum utilization of funds released for the welfare of weavers under various schemes;
- (b) whether most of the handloom weavers in Puducherry are poor and are under huge debts; and
- (c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to improve the condition of weavers in Puducherry?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

**(a):** The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes for welfare and holistic development of handloom sector across the country:-

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

These schemes are implemented by Office of Development Commissioner for Handlooms and its field offices across the country in close coordination with the State Governments so that the benefits of these schemes reach the targeted beneficiaries on time and optimum utilization of funds for the purposes for which it is released for the handloom weavers is ensured. Further, periodical review meetings are also being conducted with various stakeholders for this purpose.

**(b) & (c):** No such case has been reported/received from Puducherry. However, Ministry of Textiles through National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme is providing financial assistance to eligible handloom weavers across the country including Puducherry for raw materials, procurement of upgraded looms & accessories, toolkits, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, publicity and brand development through Handlooms Mark (HLM), marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, weaver mudra loans, social security, need based financial support to awardee weavers, scholarship to handloom workers' children, etc.

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