

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3994
ANSWERED ON- 04/04/2025

**SCHEME/PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HANDLOOM AND HANDICRAFT SECTORS
IN ODISHA**

3994. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes/projects initiated for the development of the Handloom and Handicraft sectors in rural areas over the last five years, particularly in Odisha;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized under these schemes, State-wise, with a focus on Odisha;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries, especially woman, under these schemes, State-wise, particularly in Odisha; and
- (d) whether Government plans to implement specific schemes for the development of Handloom and Handicraft sectors targeted towards SC/ST/OBC communities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) & (b): The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes for the development of handloom and handicraft sectors across the country, including rural areas and Odisha:

1. National Handloom Development Programme;
2. Raw Material Supply Scheme;
3. National Handicraft Development Programme;
4. Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme;

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided for raw materials, purchase of looms, accessories and toolkits, design innovation, product diversification, infrastructure development, marketing of handloom and handicraft products in domestic and overseas markets, loans at concessional rates, etc.

In the schemes implemented by the Ministry of Textiles in these sectors, budget is not allocated State/UT-wise. Funds to eligible handloom agencies are released for various interventions on receipt of viable proposals as per the extant guidelines of the respective schemes. The details of funds released and utilised under these schemes during the last five years are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Funds released/utilised
2019-20	422.09
2020-21	392.98
2021-22	651.86
2022-23	428.60
2023-24	465.85

(c) & (d): Women and SC/ST/OBC weavers/artisans play a vital role in the handloom and handicraft sector. In order to encourage them, the Ministry of Textiles provides additional incentives to them to sustain and augment their business. Some of the benefits provided to the women and SC/ST/OBC weavers/artisans across the country including Odisha are:

- Under schemes of handloom and handicrafts sector, preference is given to programmes which have weavers/artisans from women/SC/ST/OBC category.
- There is 100% subsidy to BPL/SC/ST/Women/Transgender/Differently-abled weavers for construction of work sheds under National Handloom Development Programme.
- Since 2016, Kamladevi Chattopadhyay Award has been instituted specifically for women weavers.

Details regarding State-wise number of beneficiaries including women/SC/ST/OBC weavers/artisans under schemes of Handloom and Handicraft sectors during the last five years are given at Annexure-I.

Statement referred to in reply of part (c) & (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3994 for answer on 04-04-2025

State-wise number of beneficiaries including women/SC/ST/OBC weavers/artisans under schemes of Handloom and Handicraft sectors during the last five years

SI. No.	State	Weavers benefitted	Artisan benefitted
1.	Andhra Pradesh	93,005	17,492
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1,643	2,670
3.	Assam	49,051	21,115
4.	Bihar	6,065	12,841
5.	Chhattisgarh	6,939	4,805
6.	Delhi	172	12,436
7.	Goa	26	2,100
8.	Gujarat	2,992	28,687
9.	Haryana	3,418	8,045
10.	Himachal Pradesh	2,454	15,150
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	4,868	
12.	Jharkhand	5,758	9,604
13.	Karnataka	25,405	12,301
14.	Kerala	17,356	10,587
15.	Madhya Pradesh	4,426	41,547
16.	Maharashtra	4,246	18,249
17.	Manipur	22,043	14,463
18.	Meghalaya	454	4,351
19.	Mizoram	2,590	2,390
20.	Nagaland	892	5,150
21.	Odisha	36,806	14,970
22.	Punjab	568	10,660
23.	Rajasthan	1,273	35,087
24.	Sikkim	81	2,870
25.	Tamil Nadu	1,34,654	12,101
26.	Telangana	44,931	8,872
27.	Tripura	1,617	14,930
28.	Uttar Pradesh	1,22,755	1,00,002
29.	Uttarakhand	5,281	7,990
30.	West Bengal	57,514	13,598
31.	All India (non-state specific)	1,060	4,683
Total		6,60,343	4,69,746

Note: 71% of the handloom weaver population and 64% of the artisan population are women hence the maximum benefits are being given to women weavers/artisans.
