

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3999
ANSWERED ON- 04/04/2025

INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE WOMEN-RUN HANDLOOM COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES

3999. SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government has taken any new initiatives to promote women-run handloom cooperative societies in the last three years if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of women-run handloom cooperative societies in the State of Tamil Nadu, district-wise;
- (c) whether any special facilities have been provided by Union Government to these women-run handloom cooperative societies in the State of Tamil Nadu in the last three years to facilitate business operations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a), (c) and (d): Ministry of Textiles is implementing central sector schemes such as (i) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and (ii) Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) to promote handlooms and for welfare of handloom weavers across the country including Tamil Nadu. The eligible beneficiaries include, women-run handloom cooperative societies, among others. Under these schemes, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, procurement of upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, skilling, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme and social security etc. In the schemes implemented by Ministry of Textiles in these sectors, budget is not allocated State/UTs/District-wise. Hence, district-wise data in this regard is not maintained.

(b): There are 56 women-run handloom cooperative societies in the State of Tamil Nadu. District-wise women-run handloom cooperative societies is enclosed as **Annexure "A"**.

Annexure "A"

Statement referred to in reply of part (b) of Rajya Sabha Question No. 3999 to be answered on 04.04.2025

No. of women handloom weavers co-operative societies in Tamil Nadu

S.No.	District	No of Women Weavers Co-operative societies	No of women members
1	Coimbatore	4	1,229
2	Kanyakumari	1	74
3	Ariyalur	1	94
4	Dindigul	4	407
5	Ramanathapuram	3	392
6	Salem	6	1,741
7	Dharmapuri	1	44
8	Thiruvannamalai	2	275
9	Vellore	3	276
10	Erode	10	2,289
11	Madurai	5	618
12	Theni	2	656
13	Nammakkal	1	30
14	Tiruppur	2	391
15	Cuddalore	1	79
16	Chengalpattu	1	89
17	Kancheepuram	2	326
18	Tiruvallur	5	265
19	Virudhunagar	1	65
20	Tirunelveli	1	154
Total		56	9,494
