

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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ASSISTANCE TO HANDLOOM AND POWERLOOM WEAVERS IN WEST BENGAL

724. SHRI PRAKASH CHIK BARAIK:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of handloom and powerloom weavers registered under national textile schemes in West Bengal;
- (b) the financial assistance provided to cooperatives or SHGs in 2024–25; and
- (c) the details of cluster development or textile park projects approved for West Bengal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a): According to Fourth All India Handloom Census 2019-20, There are 3,66,656 handloom weavers and 2,64,791 allied workers in West Bengal. Total 12 powerloom units benefitted under In-situ Upgradation scheme for Plain Powerloom scheme (2017 to 2020) and 99 powerloom units benefitted under Amended Technology Upgradation Fund scheme (2016 to 2022) in West Bengal.

(b): Financial assistance of Rs.367.67 crore has been provided to eligible handloom agencies/workers including cooperatives or SHGs across the country in 2024-25.

(c): 39 Small Cluster Development Programmes in the handloom sector have been taken up for financial assistance in West Bengal during 2015-16 to 2024-25. Further, 2 on-going Textile Parks have been approved by Ministry of Textiles under Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks in the State of West Bengal.
