

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-794
ANSWERED ON- 25/07/2025

**STUDY TO ASSESS INCOME AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF WOMEN WORKING IN
HANDLOOM SECTOR**

794. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people currently working in the handloom sector in the country, gender-wise and State-wise; and
- (b) whether Government has conducted any study to assess the income level and working conditions of women working in the handloom sector, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a): According to Fourth All India Handloom Census 2019-20 report, there are 35,22,512 handloom workers across the country. Out of which 9,75,733 are male, 25,46,285 are female, & 494 are transgender. Details for gender-wise and State-wise data on workers in handloom sector are annexed as **Annexure-1**.

(b): A specific study for assessment of the income level and working conditions of women working in the handloom sector has not been done by the Government. However, the performance of schematic interventions has been evaluated by independent third-party agencies and the study shows that these interventions have led to an increase in the earnings and the number of working days and have improved the working conditions of the weavers.

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 794 for answer on 25.07.2025

State/UTs-wise & gender-wise details of handloom workers

State	Male	Female	Transgender
Andhra Pradesh	91,030	86,398	19
Arunachal Pradesh	20,717	73,871	28
Assam	1,04,089	11,79,507	285
Bihar	6,390	6,444	13
Chhattisgarh	11,773	9,730	0
Delhi	2,066	2,219	0
Goa	1	25	0
Gujarat	5,875	4,725	1
Haryana	11,463	14,078	1
Himachal Pradesh	3,629	10,059	0
Jammu And Kashmir	9,352	13,973	3
Jharkhand	10,881	11,614	2
Karnataka	26,597	28,192	2
Kerala	7,909	14,175	0
Madhya Pradesh	8,803	9,269	0
Maharashtra	2,242	1,266	1
Manipur	13,319	2,11,327	38
Meghalaya	12,445	30,320	9
Mizoram	5,454	22,083	3
Nagaland	6,339	37,142	3
Odisha	60,167	57,640	29
Puducherry	607	1,083	0
Punjab	637	332	0
Rajasthan	3,844	6,244	2
Sikkim	24	673	0
Tamil Nadu	1,17,025	1,26,549	1
Telangana	24,589	23,245	18
Tripura	44,047	93,589	3
Uttar Pradesh	97,900	93,054	3
Uttarakhand	3,964	8,595	2
West Bengal	2,62,555	3,68,864	28
All India	9,75,733	25,46,285	494
