

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2398  
ANSWERED ON- 19/12/2025

**EMPOWERING HANDLOOM SECTOR OF BIHAR**

2398. DR. BHIM SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the initiatives taken by the Ministry to strengthen the weaver handloom sectors of Bihar through design intervention, common facility center, e-market link, financial assistance, skill upgradation and silk development programmes; and  
(b) whether any target has been set to increase production and exports through the initiatives undertaken?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

**(a) & (b):** To strengthen the weavers and handloom sector, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes/initiatives across the country including Bihar:

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

Under the above schemes, financial assistance/concessions are provided for raw materials, upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing support for handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme and social security etc.

For comprehensive development of sericulture value chain, Ministry of Textiles is implementing Silk Samagra-2 scheme/initiative across the country including Bihar.

In addition, an e-commerce portal (<https://www.indiahandmade.com/>) has been launched to support weavers and artisans for online marketing of handloom products. Steps have been taken up to on-board weavers and artisans on Government e-Market place (GeM) to enable them sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations.

Besides, skilling and upskilling training is provided to handloom/silk weavers in technical areas i.e. weaving, designing, silk reeling etc. under Samarth (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textiles Sectors).

Ministry of Textiles has sanctioned 19 Small Handloom clusters, provided skill training to 1,503 weavers, organised 17 Marketing events, sanctioned 114 weavers mudra Loans, enrolled 873 weavers under PMJBY/PMSBY, monthly financial assistance provided to 62 awardee weavers, formed 5 Producer Companies, provided 52 silk weaving & processing specific beneficiary components/units including one common facility centre to benefit handloom/silk weavers of Bihar during 2021-22 to 2025-26 (till Nov.2025).

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