

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1754**  
ANSWERED ON- 13/02/2026

**EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN TEXTILE WORKERS IN TELANGANA**

1754. SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women employed in the textile, handloom and powerloom sectors in Telangana, district-wise;
- (b) the details of financial assistance, credit support or subsidies provided to women-led textile and handloom enterprises or Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in Telangana during the last three years, year wise;
- (c) whether any specific schemes or outreach programmes have been implemented to support women artisans engaged in traditional crafts such as Ikat, Gadwal, Pochampally or Narayanpet, if so, the details of outcomes achieved; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure social protection for women workers, including access to ESI, PF, maternity benefits, creches at workplaces and workplace safety standards in powerloom clusters?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

**(a):** Around 20,687 women are working in Handloom and Powerloom and Textile Sectors in Telangana State. District-wise details are enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

**(b) & (c):** The following schemes are being implemented in the State for the benefit of women weavers along with men weavers.

1. **Telangana Nethanna Podhupu:** beneficiary will contribute 8% of their declared wages whereas the Government will contribute 16% of their declared wages. With regard to the Powerloom Weavers, the beneficiary will contribute 8% of their declared wages and Government will contribute 8% to the beneficiary Account.
2. **Telangana Nethanna Bhadratha:** This Scheme provides group life insurance for all Handloom and Powerloom Weavers and workers who are linked with Geo tagged looms involved in weaving related activities in the State of Telangana. In the event of death of an enrolled weaver and worker, regardless of the cause, a sum of Rs.5.00 lakhs will be paid to the nominee.
3. **Telangana Nethannaku Bharosa:** The Scheme is to provide wage support to Handloom weavers and Ancillary workers based on the No. of Telangana Authentic weaves labels issued each geo tagged loom, with a maximum support of Rs.18000/- per year to weaver and Rs.6000/- per year to Ancillary Worker.
4. **Pavalavaddi Scheme:** The Scheme is to reduce the burden of Interest on Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies.
5. **Loan Waiver Scheme:** The Scheme to relieve the individual handloom weavers from the indebtedness so as to enable them to obtain fresh working capital from banks. The individual handloom weavers with a ceiling upto Rs.1.00 lakh each will be waived.

Further, The Ministry of Textiles is implementing two schemes namely National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) for development and promotion of handicrafts. The above schemes include intervention to improve the quality of the work and income of artisans by providing marketing support, skill development, cluster development, direct benefit to artisans, infrastructural and technology support, research and development support for cluster and individual artisans in the country including Telangana.

(d): Social protection for women workers, the ESI, PF, maternity benefits, crèches have been provided in M/s Texport Industries and M/s Gokuldas Images Industries in Apparel Park at Peddur, Rajanna and Siricilla District, which are in the organized Powerloom sector.

## Annexure-I

District wise details of the number of women employed in textiles, handloom and powerloom sectors in Telangana State

(source: Telangana Government)

S. No.	Name of the District / Office	Handlooms	Powerlooms & Textiles	Total
1	Yadadri Bhuvanagiri	5,389	487	5,876
2	Nalgonda	1,620	1,158	2,778
3	Suryapet	70	49	119
4	Jogulamba Gadwal	2,662	2	2,664
5	Wanaparthy	260	0	260
6	Nagarkurnool	1	0	1
7	Mahabubnagar	32	1	33
8	Narayanapet	574	2	576
9	Siddipet	108	0	108
10	Nizamabad	35	0	35
11	Medak	9	0	9
12	Sangareddy	25	0	25
13	Hyderabad	54	6	60
14	Rangareddy	637	0	637
15	Vikarabad	10	0	10
16	Medichal Malkagiri	81	0	81
17	Karimnagar	735	676	1,411
18	Mancherial	137	7	144
19	Komaram Bheem Asifabad	18	0	18
20	Jagityal	7	32	39
21	Peddapally	59	24	83
22	Warangal	1,114	62	1,176
23	Jayashankar Bhupalapally	407	0	407
24	Hanmakonda	207	38	245
25	Khammam	43	12	55
26	Mulugu	10	0	10
27	Mahabubabad	6	33	39
28	Jangaon	1,245	96	1,341
29	Rajanna Sircilla	81	2,366	2,447
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15,636</b>	<b>5,051</b>	<b>20,687</b>

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