

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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LIVELIHOOD CHALLENGES OF HANDLOOM AND TEXTILE WORKERS IN BIHAR

2551. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether handloom and textile workers in Bihar are facing livelihood challenges due to rising input costs, reduced demand and limited market access;
- (b) the assistance provided to weavers in Patna region under central handloom and textile schemes;
- (c) whether design development, marketing support and credit facilities have reached the intended beneficiaries; and
- (d) the steps taken to revive traditional textile crafts and ensure sustainable income for artisans in the State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a): To overcome the challenges faced by the handloom and textile workers, Ministry of Textiles is implementing various schemes/programmes on pan India basis including Bihar for overall development of handloom & textile sector viz. PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme which seeks to create a modern, integrated, world class textile infrastructure; Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme focusing on Man Made Fibre & Apparel, and Technical Textiles to boost large scale manufacturing and enhancing competitiveness; National Technical Textile Mission focusing on Research Innovation & Development, Promotion and Market Development, Skilling and Export Promotion; Silk Samagra-2 for comprehensive development of sericulture value chain; SAMARTH - Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector with the objective providing demand driven, placement oriented, skilling program; National Handloom Development Programme, Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS), National Handicraft Development Programme, Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) for end to end support for handloom and handicraft sectors; etc.

(b): To support weavers, financial assistance of Rs.3.74 crore provided to 3 Small Cluster Development Programme, Rs.1.07 crore provided for organisation of 5 marketing events in Patna district under handloom schemes by Ministry of Textiles during 2021-22 to 2025-26 (upto 28.02.2026). Further, financial assistance of Rs.25.00 crore provided to 19 Small Cluster Development Programme, Rs.1.28 crore provided to Bhagalpur Mega Cluster, Rs.2.83 crore provided for organisation of 17 marketing events, monthly financial assistance provided to 62 awardee handloom weavers, 1.18 lakh kg of yarn supplied under transport subsidy and price subsidy in Bihar including Patna district under handloom schemes by Ministry of Textiles during 2021-22 to 2025-26 (upto 28.02.2026).

(c): The design development, marketing support and credit facilities are being provided to the intended beneficiaries through cluster-based support, marketing platforms and Handloom weaver MUDRA portal.

(d): To revive traditional textile crafts and ensure sustainable income for artisans in the State, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes:

1. National Handloom Development Programme;
2. Raw Material Supply Scheme;
3. National Handicraft Development Programme;
4. Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme;

Under the above schemes, financial and technical assistance is provided for raw materials, upgraded looms, accessories and toolkits, design innovation, product diversification, infrastructure development, marketing of handloom and handicraft products in domestic and overseas markets, loans at concessional rates, social security etc., which benefit handloom weavers and handicraft artisans.
