

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2554
ANSWERED ON- 13/03/2026

SUPPORT AND BENEFIT MEASURES TO WEAVERS

2554. SHRI ANTHIYUR P. SELVARASU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed that wages from handloom weaving in Erode district, Tamil Nadu, remain too low to meet basic household needs, pushing families into distress;
- (b) if so, the details of wage support, price support and direct benefit measures provided to weavers in the district in the last three years; and
- (c) the steps proposed to ensure timely and remunerative earnings through strengthened procurement and fair pricing?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a) & (b): Handloom weaving is mainly an individual based household activity to which minimum wages act is not applicable.

However, Ministry of Textiles is implementing central sector schemes such as (i) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and (ii) Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) to promote handlooms and for welfare of handloom weavers across the country, including Erode district, Tamil Nadu. Under these schemes, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, procurement of upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, skilling, product & design development, technical & common infrastructure, marketing, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme, social security, payment to awardee weavers in indigent circumstances, scholarship to the children of weavers etc.

(c): An e-commerce portal has been developed to connect weavers and artisans directly with buyers/consumers through online marketing of handloom products without any middlemen, so that their livelihood may improve. For export promotion of handlooms, participation of handloom exporters/weavers in various International marketing events/fairs like India International Trade Fair, Buyer-Seller Meet, Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet, Big Ticket events, Bharat Tex etc. are organized.
