

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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SCHEMES FOR WELFARE OF HANDLOOM WEAVERS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any schemes for the welfare of handloom weavers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has any scheme for equitable and secured income of textile traders and weavers to secure their future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Textiles, Government of India is implementing following schemes under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) for the welfare of handloom weavers/workers across the country:

- Financial support of Rs.8,000/- per month to Awardee handloom weavers/workers above 60 years of age, in indigent circumstances having annual income below Rs.1.00 lakh and Scholarship upto Rs.2.00 lakh per annum to handloom weavers/workers' children (upto 2 children) for study in Diploma/Under Graduate/Post Graduate courses of Central/State Govt. recognized/funded Textiles Institutions.
- Universal and affordable social security in case of natural/accidental death and total/partial disability through insurance schemes i.e. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY).

(c) & (d): Ministry of Textiles is implementing various schemes/programmes on pan India basis for overall development of textile sector including textile traders and weavers namely:

1. PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme which seeks to create a modern, integrated, world class textile infrastructure;
2. Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme focusing on Man Made Fibre & Apparel, and Technical Textiles to boost large scale manufacturing and enhancing competitiveness;
3. National Technical Textile Mission focusing on Research Innovation & Development, Promotion and Market Development, Skilling and Export Promotion;
4. Silk Samagra-2 for comprehensive development of sericulture value chain;
5. SAMARTH - Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector with the objective providing demand driven, placement oriented, skilling program;
6. 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.