

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
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SCHOLARSHIPS SANCTIONED FOR CHILDREN OF TEXTILE WORKERS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of scholarships sanctioned for the children of textile workers between October 2021 and October 2025, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of scholarship applications received for the scholarship scheme for the same period, year-wise;
- (c) the details of the maximum number of students eligible for the scholarship annually;
- (d) the details of the eligibility criteria, application procedure and department responsible for the implementation of the same; and
- (e) steps taken by the Ministry to improve coordination with State implementing agencies and spread awareness about the scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Textiles, Government of India is providing financial support as scholarship maximum 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 Government recognized/funded Textiles Institutions under National Handloom Development Programme since October, 2021.

For availing scholarship, handloom weavers/workers submit the applications of their ward to nearest Weavers' Service Centres (WSCs) i.e. field offices/sub-ordinate offices under the administrative control of the office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, who is responsible for implementation of the scheme. With the recommendation of concerned Zonal office of WSC, scholarships are sanctioned for eligible handloom weavers/workers' children by office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles to concerned Zonal office for onward transmission to the bank account of handloom weavers/workers or their ward. All the eligible students, who apply for scholarship, are granted the same.

Year-wise details of scholarship applications received and sanctioned between October 2021 and October 2025 are as under:

Financial year	Number of scholarship applications received	Number of scholarship applications sanctioned
2021-22(since October 2021)	33	-
2022-23	57*	45
2023-24	108	45
2024-25	173	183**
2025-26 (upto October 2025)	154	110

*Includes applications received in 2021-22

**Includes applications received in 2023-24

(e): To improve coordination with State implementing agencies, WSCs are conducting regular meetings with them and organize camps/chaupals to spread awareness about the scheme amongst handloom weavers/workers.
