

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2241
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PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL HANDLOOM AND SILK WEAVING CLUSTERS

2241. SHRI DEVENDRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to revive and promote traditional handloom and silk weaving clusters, such as Kosa silk, in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) the details of financial assistance, modern toolkits, and design upgradation training provided to tribal weavers under the National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP);
- (c) whether e-commerce onboarding initiatives have successfully given local artisans direct access to national and global markets; and
- (d) the overall increase in household income among the State's weaver communities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) & (b): In order to revive and promote traditional handloom and silk weaving clusters including Kosa silk in Chhattisgarh State, Ministry of Textiles is implementing two schemes namely National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS).

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 workshop, skilling, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing of handloom products in domestic & international markets, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme and social security etc.

Under NHDP, financial assistance of Rs.460.45 lakh has been provided towards various interventions for 17 clusters covering 2121 beneficiaries under NHDP in Chhattisgarh State during 2023-24 to 2025-26. Further, 1004 handloom workers including tribal weavers have been imparted skill training under SAMARTH Scheme in Chhattisgarh State during the last three years.

(c) & (d): An e-commerce portal (<https://www.indiahandmade.com>) has already been launched to support the handloom sector for online marketing of handloom products, eliminating intermediaries which helps in increasing the weavers income across the country including Chhattisgarh State. So far, 23,584 handloom products of 4099 sellers have been onboarded on this portal across the country including Chhattisgarh State.
