

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2396
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SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE OF HANDLOOM WEAVERS IN ODISHA

2396. DR. SASMIT PATRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of handloom weavers in Odisha covered under Central social security, insurance and pension schemes, district-wise;
- (b) the number of eligible weavers remaining uncovered;
- (c) the reasons for low coverage, if any; and
- (d) the measures taken to ensure universal coverage of eligible weavers under such schemes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India is providing social security to handloom weavers/workers across the country including Odisha State through Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and financial support to Awardee weavers in indigent circumstances under National Handloom Development Programme. Since inception of the schemes, 10601 number of handloom weavers/workers have been covered under insurance schemes (PMJJBY & PMSBY) and 72 under financial support to Awardee weavers in Odisha State.

Ministry of Textiles regularly coordinates with the States/UTs Govt., in close coordination with Weavers Service Centres (WSCs) i.e. field offices of the Office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms) to create awareness about these schemes by conducting awareness camps/chaupals across the country including Odisha State. Further, the services of Handloom Helpline Centre are also being utilized for disseminating information about these schemes amongst handloom weavers/workers across the country including Odisha State.
