

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4703
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2016

CONDITION OF HANDLOOM AND HANDICRAFT WORKERS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the handloom weavers and handicraft artisans in the country are in a bad state and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Union Government for their welfare;
- (b) the details of the financial assistance including loans provided to the weavers and artisans in the country including the backward areas during each of the last three years and the current year, state-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to regulate the price of cotton thread and print the correct price on the packets of cotton thread;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government for the implementation of the said scheme;
- (e) the steps taken to upgrade the quality of healthcare systems, insurance and capital for weavers and workers in handloom and powerloom sectors and also the handicraft artisans; and
- (f) whether the Government has any special proposal for development of handloom industry in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof?

उत्तर

ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)
MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Handloom and Handicraft sectors are unorganized sectors. For the welfare of handloom weavers and handicraft artisans and for sustainable development of handloom and handicraft sectors, the following schemes are under implementation during 12th Plan:

Schemes under implementation for handloom sector:

- (i) National Handloom Development Programme
- (ii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme
- (iii) Yarn Supply Scheme
- (iv) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

Schemes under implementation for handicraft sector:

- (i) Baba Saheb Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (Cluster)
- (ii) Design & Technical Upgradation Services
- (iii) Marketing & Support Services
- (iv) Human Resource Development
- (v) Research & Development
- (vi) Handicrafts Artisans comprehensive Welfare Scheme.
- (vii) Infrastructure and Technology Development Scheme.

(b): The details of fund released for handloom clusters development and loans provided to the handloom weavers in the country including the backward areas during last three years and the current year, State-wise including the state of UP are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively. The state-wise details of financial assistance under indigent circumstances, loans, tool kits provided and credit guarantee scheme to handicraft artisans in the country including the state of UP, which also include the backward areas during the last 3 years and the current year are at Annexure-III to Annexure-VI.

(c) & (d): There is no such proposal.

(e): In order to enable handloom weavers to avail social security benefits, Government of India has been implementing Handloom Weavers comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS) with 2 components namely Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY). MGBBY is under convergence to Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY). Credit at concessional interest rate is being provided to handloom sector under Concessional Credit Component Scheme of National Handloom Development Programme. Under the scheme, the loans are provided at concessional interest rate of 6% for a period of three years. Margin money assistance to a maximum of Rs.10,000 per weaver and credit guarantee for a period of three years is also provided.

For the benefit of powerloom weavers/workers, Government of India is implementing Group Insurance Scheme (GIS) through Ministry of Textiles, as a Social Security/welfare measure as well as to upgrade the quality of healthcare systems, insurance and capital for weavers and workers in powerloom sectors. Details of the scheme are as under:-

To upgrade the quality of healthcare systems, insurance and capital for handicraft artisans the government is implementing the scheme of Direct Benefit to Artisans under one of the components of National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDCP). Under the scheme the following intervention are carried out:-

1. Rashtriya Shilpi Swasthya Bima Yojana.
2. Aam Admi Bima Yojana for Handicraft Artisans.
3. Support to artisans in indigent circumstances.
4. Financial assistance for supply of tools, safety equipments, looms etc.
5. Credit Guarantee Scheme.
6. Interest Subvention Scheme.

(f): A special project for skill up-gradation of 40 handloom weavers has been sanctioned to Weavers Service Centre, Nagpur at a total cost of Rs. 8.56 Lakh. Government of Maharashtra has also been advised to avail benefits under National Handloom Development Programme for handloom clusters.

Annexure-I

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Total loan amount sanctioned during the last 3 years & current year (Rs. in lakh)				
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (till 14.12.16)	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	239.01	43.54	1414.34	0	1696.90
2	Arunachal Pradesh	131.59	35.20	97.68	0	264.46
3	Assam	413.31	189.77	461.44	1357.27	2421.78
4	Bihar	0	0	61.52	238.01	299.53
5	Chhattisgarh	34.48	0	342.50	0	376.98
6	Haryana	0	21.03	0	0	21.03
7	Himachal Pradesh	16.15	0.00	101.83	38.2	156.18
8	Jammu & Kashmir	22.78	100.70	121.48	0	244.95
9	Jharkhand	73.17	0.00	209.01	481.46	763.64
10	Karnataka	98.17	62.07	0	34.22	194.46
11	Kerala	0.00	0	241.91	0	241.91
12	Madhya Pradesh	8.55	0	141.05	0	149.60
13	Maharashtra	41.91	0	0	0	41.91
14	Manipur	487.95	235.76	241.81	364.64	1330.16
15	Meghalaya	97.46	32.12	180.63	0	310.21
16	Mizoram	0.00	6.08	447.07	0	453.15
17	Nagaland	195.20	165.15	320.67	95.50	776.51
18	Orissa	245.05	0.00	714.98	231.95	1191.98
19	Sikkim	0	12.34	39.31	0	51.65
20	Tamilnadu	25.21	172.43	1350.02	495.00	2042.67
21	Telangana	0	0	113.09	109.84	222.92
22	Tripura	160.59	251.19	177.13	0	588.91
23	Uttar Pradesh	108.41	85.70	222.29	1218.12	1634.53
24	Uttarakhand	17.00	33.84	40.39	0	91.23
25	West Bengal	233.74	10.60	39.56	67.41	351.31
	Total	2649.73	1457.51	7079.70	4731.61	15918.54

Annexure-II

Sl. No.	State	Fund released for handloom clusters development during the last 3 years & current year (Rs. in lakh)			
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (till 30.11.2016)
1	Andhra Pradesh	2899.00	710.23	1300.57	0.00
2	Bihar	59.30	1092.00	10.00	0.50
3	Chhattisgarh	59.00	0.00	2.50	147.00
4	Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Gujarat	80.82	67.45	35.50	42.00
6	Haryana	0.00	7.02	0.00	0.00
7	Himachal Prd.	0.00	328.51	266.09	8.50
8	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00	319.25	183.65	0.00
9	Jharkhand	85.00	0.00	0.00	7.50
10	Karnataka	565.11	393.13	265.82	544.70
11	Kerala	308.09	58.36	14.05	18.50
12	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	13.25	330.15	53.50
13	Maharashtra	0.00	83.00	53.35	137.64
14	Odisha	2719.00	703.00	895.15	599.00
15	Rajasthan	0.00	54.00	18.60	27.00
16	Tamil Nadu	5654.00	4232.00	7027.53	3701.00
17	Telangana	0.00	271.20	566.97	142.10
18	Uttar Pradesh	2923.00	3952.00	3050.68	522.95
19	Uttarakhand	142.00	11.20	199.95	0.00
20	West Bengal	2157.07	9766.00	1684.75	92.80
	Total	17651.39	22061.6	15905.31	6044.69
	NER				
1	Arunachal Prd.	0.00	1.20	0.00	0.00
2	Assam	1280.42	1208.63	0.00	0.00
3	Manipur	497.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Nagaland	0.00	2.00	0.00	15.50
7	Sikkim	0.00	79.72	0.00	0.00
8	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	1777.42	1291.55	0.00	15.50
	Grand Total	19428.81	23353.15	15905.31	6060.19

Note: Includes assistance towards implementation of various interventions like technology upgradation, construction of workshed, margin money and interest subvention support, engaging designer etc.

Artisans benefited in Indigent Circumstances/ Artisans Pension								
State	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17(up to 9-12-16)	
	Artisans benefited	Amount Sanctioned/ Utilized	Artisans benefited	Amount Sanctioned/ Utilized	Artisans benefited	Amount Sanctioned/ Utilized	Artisans benefited	Amount Sanctioned/ Utilized
Andhra Pradesh	9	90000	2	0	2	108066	3	0
Andman & Nikobar	0	0	1	0	1	50433	1	0
Arunachal Pradesh	1	12000	1	23000	1	29033	1	0
Assam	10	132000	9	206533	9	261297	9	0
Bihar	20	200000	23	0	23	1225826	32	0
Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chhattisgarh	0	0	1	0	1	52033	1	0
Delhi	4	52000	4	0	4	190035	4	0
Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gujarat	7	144000	5	0	5	254098	5	0
Haryana	2	20000	1	0	1	63033	1	0
Himachal Pradesh	2	44000	2	0	2	108066	2	0
Jammu & Kashmir	5	86000	5	0	5	267746	5	0
Jharkhand	1	10000	1	0	1	54033	1	0
Karnataka	10	100000	9	0	9	486297	10	0
Kerala	19	190000	19	0	19	996530	20	0
Madhya Pradesh	2	24000	1	0	1	52033	1	0
Maharashtra	9	146000	7	0	7	352134	8	0
Manipur	42	504000	45	923599	45	1301000	46	0
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nagaland	13	156000	12	276000	12	348396	12	0
Odisha	12	127903	13	0	13	624138	14	0
Pondicherry	1	10000	1	0	1	54033	1	0
Punjab	6	60000	9	0	9	405587	9	0
Rajasthan	10	220000	10	0	10	540330	14	0
Sikkim	0	0	1	23000	1	29033	1	0
Tamil Nadu	5	50000	5	0	5	244068	6	0
Telangana	0	0	7	0	7	352134	7	0
Tripura	0	0	1	35000	1	29033	1	0
Uttar Pradesh	13	156000	9	0	9	476097	8	288000
Uttarakhand	0	0	1	0	1	54033	1	36000
West Bengal	46	460000	49	0	49	2594071	53	0
Total	249	2993903	254	1487132	254	11602646	277	324000

Annexure - IV

Artisans Benefited in Loan assistance

Rs. In Lakhs

Sl. No.	Name of the State/Clusters	Year	Number of beneficiary	Amount of loan distributed
1.	Uttar Pradesh – Mirzapur, Bhadohi	2014-15	250	Rs.5.83
2.	Uttar Pradesh – Bariely	2016-17	17	Rs.10.90
3.	Uttar Pradesh – Lucknow	2016-17	3	Rs.4.50
4.	Gujarat – Bhuj	2016-17	10	Rs.4.70

Artisans benefited in Tool Kit distribution**Mega Cluster**

Sl. No.	Name of State/Cluster	No. of Tool Kits	Year
1.	Srinagar	1800	2013-14
2.	Srinagar	2930	2014-15
3.	Srinagar	3128	2015-16
4.	Varanasi	50	2014-15
5.	Varanasi	50	2014-15
6.	Bareilly	300	2014-15
7.	Nizamabad (Azamgarh)	100	2016-17
8.	New Delhi	151	2016-17
9.	Palwal (Haryana)	45	2016-17
10.	Varanasi	150	2016-17
11.	Hoshiarpur	150	2016-17
12.	Channapatna	150	2016-17
13.	Saharanpur	150	2016-17

Design

Sl. No.	Name of State/Cluster	No. of Tool Kits	Year
1.	Uttar Pradesh	400	2014-15
2.	Andhra Pradesh	200	2015-16
3.	Assam	750	2015-16
4.	Chhattisgarh	1170	2015-16
5.	Delhi	100	2015-16
6.	Gujrat	150	2015-16
7.	Haryana	100	2015-16
8.	Karnataka	150	2015-16
9.	Punjab	600	2015-16
10.	Tripura	250	2015-16
11.	Uttar Pradesh	900	2015-16

Cluster

Sl. NO.	Name to the State/ Cluster	Number of Tool Kits	Year
1	Himachal Pradesh	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
2	Himachal Pradesh	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
3	Himachal Pradesh	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
4	Punjab	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
5	Haryana	40 Tool Kits	2016-17
6	Haryana	40 Tool Kits	2016-17
7	Madhya Pradesh	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
8	Madhya Pradesh	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
9	Madhya Pradesh	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
10	Madhya Pradesh	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
11	Madhya Pradesh	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
12	Madhya Pradesh	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
13	Madhya Pradesh	25 Tool Kits	2016-17
14	Jammu & Kashmir	40 Tool Kits	2016-17
15	Odisha	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
16	Uttar Pradesh	100 Tool Kits	2016-17
17	Assam	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
18	Assam	25 Tool Kits	2016-17
19	Assam	25 Tool Kits	2016-17
20	Assam	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
21	Assam	25 Tool Kits	2016-17
22	Manipur	90 Tool Kits	2016-17
23	Manipur	90 Tool Kits	2016-17
24	Manipur	90 Tool Kits	2016-17
25	Manipur	90 Tool Kits	2016-17
26	Manipur	90 Tool Kits	2016-17
27	Manipur	90 Tool Kits	2016-17
28	Manipur	90 Tool Kits	2016-17
29	Manipur	90 Tool Kits	2016-17
30	Manipur	90 Tool Kits	2016-17
31	Manipur	90 Tool Kits	2016-17
32	Assam	25 Tool Kits	2016-17
33	Assam	50 Tool Kits	2016-17
34	Nagaland	100 Tool Kits	2016-17

Annexure - VI

Artisans Benefitted in the scheme Credit Guarantee Scheme				
State	2013-14		2014-15	
	Artisan s	Amount Sanctioned	Artisans	Amount Sanctioned
Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0	0
Andman & Nikobar	0	0	0	0
Arunachal Pradesh				
Assam				
Bihar				
Chandigarh				
Chhattisgarh				
Delhi				
Goa				
Gujarat				
Haryana				
Himachal Pradesh				
Jammu & Kashmir				
Jharkhand				
Karnataka	0	0	0	0
Kerala	55	1500000	49	1275000
Madhya Pradesh				
Maharashtra				
Manipur				
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0
Mizoram				
Nagaland				
Orissa				
Pondicherry	0	0	0	0
Punjab				
Rajasthan				
Sikkim	1	20000	0	0
Tamil Nadu	13	300000	246	5925000
Telangana	16	2550000	0	0
Tripura				
Uttar Pradesh	43	5200000	96	4192686
Uttaranchal	0	0	0	0
West Bengal				
Total	128	9570000	391	11392686

Note:- Information for the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 (upto Nov. 2016) is yet to be received from CGTSME.
