

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1078**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018**

**SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HANDLOOMS**

**1078. SHRI GANESH SINGH:**

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

- (a) the objectives of the comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to achieve those objectives and achievements made thereon, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) the aims and objectives of Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata introduced by the Government;
- (d) the features of the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti and Surkasha Bima Yojana and the number of weavers and artisans benefitted under the scheme, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh;
- (e) whether Government has formulated any other schemes to improve the economic conditions of weavers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the quantum of export of handloom textiles during each of the last three years and the current year?

**उत्तर**

**ANSWER**

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(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

**(a) & (b):** The Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) aims for integrated & holistic development of mega handloom clusters. Under the scheme, 08 mega handloom clusters have been taken up. As per the approved Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the mega clusters, various interventions i.e. technology up-gradation, product development/ diversification, Skill up-gradation, value addition, Marketing, Corpus Fund for Yarn Depot etc. have been sanctioned. In the Budgets, Mega handloom cluster has not been announced for State of Madhya Pradesh, a statement showing cluster-wise amount released as on 31/01/2018 is as under:-

**(Rs. in crore)**

<b>Mega Handloom Cluster-wise funds released under Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)</b>		
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Mega Handloom Cluster(State)</b>	<b>Amount released</b>
1.	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)	48.62
2.	Sivasagar (Assam)	21.63
3.	Murshidabad (West Bengal)	16.04
4.	Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu)	36.14
5.	Prakasam & Guntur Districts (Andhra Pradesh)	25.92
6.	Godda & neighbouring Districts (Jharkhand)	15.56
7.	Bhagalpur (Bihar)	4.01
8.	Trichy (Tamil Nadu)	16.26
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>184.18</b>

(c): Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata(HSS) aims to provide financial assistance for technological up-gradation (looms/accessories) to improve quality of the fabric and productivity. Under Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata, financial assistance to the extent of 90% of cost loom / accessories is borne by the Government India while remaining 10% is borne by the beneficiary.

(d): Under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), benefits available under these Schemes are as under:-

S. No.	Components	Benefits under PMJJBY & PMSBY
(i)	Natural Death	Rs.2,00,000/-
(ii)	Accidental Death	Rs.4,00,000/-
(iii)	Total Disability	Rs.2,00,000/-
(iv)	Partial Disability	Rs. 1,00,000/-

The scheme has been recently appraised for continuation during the period 2017-18 to 2019-20 throughout the country, including Madhya Pradesh.

The AamAdmi Bima Yojana (AABY) implemented by Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) for artisans through Life Insurance Corporation of India is under merger.

(e): The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes for development of handlooms & welfare of weavers:

**i) NATIONAL HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (NHDP):**

NHDP aims at development of the handlooms and welfare of handloom weavers through various interventions like cluster programme, marketing assistance, concessional credit etc.

**ii) YARN SUPPLY SCHEME (YSS):**

Yarn Supply scheme is meant to make available yarn at Mill Gate Price to the eligible handloom weavers so as to facilitate regular supply of basic raw materials to the handloom sector and help utilize the full employment potential of the sector. The scheme is implemented by National Handloom Development Corporation, a Government of India Undertaking. Under the scheme, the freight is reimbursed and depot operating charges @2% is given to depot operating agencies. Further, 10% subsidy on cotton, domestic silk and woolen yarn is provided with quantity restriction.

**iii) COMPREHENSIVE HANDLOOM CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME:**

The Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) aims at the integrated and holistic development of mega handloom clusters, having at least 15000 handlooms per cluster, with financial assistance up to Rs. 40.00 crore per cluster.

**iv) EDUCATION OF HANDLOOM WEAVERS AND THEIR CHILDREN:**

Ministry of Textiles has signed Memorandums of Understanding with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) to secure educational facilities for the weavers and their families. NIOS offers Secondary and Senior Secondary level education with specialized subjects on design, marketing, business development, etc. through distance learning mode for handloom weavers, whereas IGNOU

offers continuing education programs through accessible and flexible learning opportunities relevant to the aspirations of handloom weavers and their children for career progression.

Ministry of Textiles is providing reimbursement of 75% of the fee towards admission to NIOS/IGNOU courses in case of SC, ST, BPL, and Women learners belonging to handloom weavers' families.

**v) HANDLOOM WEAVERS' COMPREHENSIVE WELFARE SCHEME:**

This scheme has the following two components:-

- (i) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana(MGBBY) for providing life insurance cover to the handloom weavers, in case of natural / accidental death, total / partial disability due to accident. Handloom weavers in the age group of 18 – 50 years have been migrated to Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana w.e.f. 1st June2017, whereas handloom weavers in the age group of 51-59 years continue to get coverage under MGBBY.
- (ii) Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) for providing health care facilities to the handlooms weavers in the country has been subsumed in the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana since 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

**(f):** The quantum of export of handloom textiles during last 3 years and current year is as under:-

	<b>(Rs. in crore)</b>
<b>Year</b>	
2014-15	2246
2015-16	2352
2016-17	2392
2017-18 (upto Sept' 2017)	1242.51

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