

WELFARE OF WEAVERS

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

- (a) the number of weavers registered with the Government and public sector undertakings etc. during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide them yarn and marketing facilities to earn their livelihood and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the schemes to provide them housing, work sheds and life insurance cover etc.?

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ANSWER

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a): As per third handloom census (2009-10), there are 43,31,876 handloom weavers & allied workers across the country. State-wise list at **Annexure**.

(b): Under the Yarn Supply Scheme, yarn at Mill Gate Price is made available to the handloom weavers. Additionally, 10% price subsidy is provided on cotton, domestic Silk and Woollen hank yarn with quantity restrictions. e-Dhaga mobile app has been launched by using which weavers can place their indents, check the status of their indents and get the details of the dispatched material via SMS. National/Special Handloom Expos, District Level Events are organized to provide marketing platforms to the weavers. Weavers are also facilitated to participate in various craft melas held in different parts of the country to sell the handloom products. E-commerce platforms have been engaged as new marketing initiatives to boost the handloom sector.

(c): Under the Block level cluster a component of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)/Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS), Financial assistance for construction of individual workshed is provided @ Rs.70,000/- per workshed for BPLs/SC/ST/Women weavers and others are provided 75% of Rs.70,000/- as GoI Share and remaining 25% is borne by beneficiary.

The Government of India has been implementing Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS) under which Life Insurance cover is provided through Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) & Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) to the Handloom weavers of the age group of 18-50 years whereas the weavers of the age group of 51 to 59 years are covered under Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana. Benefits provided under these scheme are as under:-

S. No.	Components	Benefits under PMJJBY & PMSBY	Benefits under MGBBY
(i)	Natural Death	Rs.2,00,000/-	Rs. 60,000/-
(ii)	Accidental Death	Rs.4,00,000/-	Rs.1,50,000/-
(iii)	Total Disability	Rs.2,00,000/-	Rs.1,50,000/-
(iv)	Partial Disability	Rs.1,00,000/-	Rs. 75,000/-

**State -wise number of handloom weavers and allied workers
as per 3rd handloom census of 2009-10:**

Sl. No.	State	No. of handloom weavers & allied workers
1	Andhra Pradesh*	3,55,838
2	Arunachal Pradesh	33,041
3	Assam	16,43,453
4	Bihar	43,392
5	Chhattisgarh	8,191
6	Delhi	2,738
7	Goa	0
8	Gujarat	11,009
9	Haryana	7,967
10	Himachal Pradesh	13,458
11	Jammu & Kashmir	33,209
12	Jharkhand	21,160
13	Karnataka	89,256
14	Kerala	14,679
15	Madhya Pradesh	14,761
16	Maharashtra	3,418
17	Manipur	2,18,753
18	Mizoram	43,528
19	Meghalaya	13,612
20	Nagaland	66,490
21	Orissa	1,14,106
22	Pondicherry	2,803
23	Punjab	2,636
24	Rajasthan	31,958
25	Sikkim	568
26	Tamil Nadu	3,52,321
27	Tripura	1,37,177
28	Uttar Pradesh	2,57,783
29	Uttaranchal	15,468
30	West Bengal	7,79,103
	Total	43,31,876

*Including Telangana

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