

PROTECTION OF HANDLOOM INDUSTRY

26. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- whether eighty per cent of the Handloom Cooperative Societies in the State of Andhra Pradesh have become powerless and are on the verge of extinction, if so, the details thereof;
- whether the Government has taken any steps to safeguard the handloom societies in the State;
- if so, the details thereof; and
- the incentives and financial assistance being given to these handloom societies and handloom workers?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)

MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

**(a):** Handloom Cooperative Societies come under the ambit of the State Government. No such report has been received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding the Handloom Cooperative Societies.

**(b) to (d):** Government of India is implementing various welfare and developmental schemes/programme, viz. National Handloom Development Programme, Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, Yarn Supply Scheme and Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme for the holistic and integrated development of Handloom sector and welfare of Handloom Weavers. Apart from the above, State Government of Andhra Pradesh is also implementing Yarn Subsidy Scheme, Pavala Vaddi Scheme, Training and Infrastructure Development Scheme, Replacement and Modernization of looms, 30% Special Rebate Scheme, Providing marketing facility through conduct of Exhibitions, Cash Credit Limits, Thrift Fund Scheme and Old Age Pensions for Socio-economic development and sustainability of handloom weavers. Financial assistance upto Rs.2.00 crore is provided to Handloom Cooperative Societies of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of a Block Level Cluster under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP). The financial assistance provided by Government of India to Handloom Cooperative Societies of Andhra Pradesh during last three years is as under:-

Year	Amount released (Rs. in crore)
2016-17	1.58
2017-18	1.41
2018-19	1.27

The funds are released to the Handloom Cooperative Societies as per the proposals initiated by them and utilisation of the previously released funds.

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