LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2325 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022

CLUSTER BASED TEXTILE INDUSTRY

2325. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed cluster based textile industry for the handloom weavers of the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of active hand-weaver clusters in the country; and
- (c) the details of proposals to help the weavers to come out from post-COVID-19 economic and social crisis and strengthen the handloom weaves?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

- (a) & (b): Ministry of Textiles is implementing Cluster Development Programme, a component of National Handloom Development Programme. Under the scheme, need based financial assistance up to Rs. 2.00 crore per cluster is provided on receipt of complete proposals from State Governments for implementation of various interventions like upgraded looms & accessories, lighting units, worksheds, design and product development, marketing support etc. Since 2015-16 to 2022-23 (till 30.11.2022), financial assistance has been provided to 608 active handloom clusters across the country.
- **(c):** Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes for development of handlooms and welfare of weavers across the country:
 - 1. National Handloom Development Programme
 - 2. Raw Material Supply Scheme

Under these schemes, need based financial assistance is also provided for integrated and holistic development of handlooms to eligible handloom agencies/weavers for implementation of various interventions like infrastructure development, value addition, organizing of fairs and exhibitions for marketing of handloom products, weaver's Mudra loan, supply of raw material such as yarns, dyes, chemicals etc.
