LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2358 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022

NATIONAL POLICY FOR HANDLOOM SECTOR

2358. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any National Policy for Handloom sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds sanctioned and utilised, project-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

- (a): The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing the following schemes during 2021-22 to 2025-26 for development of handlooms and welfare of handloom weavers across the country:
 - 1. National Handloom Development Programme;
 - 2. Raw Material Supply Scheme;

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided to the eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, looms & accessories, infrastructure development, design & product development, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, Weavers MUDRA Loans etc.

(b) & (c): Scheme-wise details of funds allocated/utilized under the schemes during the last three years and current year (as on 31.10.2022) are as follows:

(Rs. In crore)

Name of Scheme	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	allocated	Utilized*	allocated	utilized	allocated	utilized	allocated	utilized
National Handloom	166.71	149.14	161.49	159.53	165.50	165.37	200.00	76.43
Development								
Programme								
Raw Material Supply	165.21	142.21	70.00	60.32	105.00	89.53	105.00	102.10
Scheme								

^{*}The funds utilized/ released are based on receipt of proposals from the State Governments and other handloom organizations, and utilization of previously released funds etc.