

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2424  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022

HATHKARGHA SAMVARDHAN SAHAYATA YOJANA FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS

2424. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing support to handloom weavers in the North East, especially Assam through any schemes or subsidies, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is implementing Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata Yojana for handloom weavers in the North East;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including year-wise funds allocated and funds released since inception years including number of beneficiaries;
- (d) the details of utilization of funds provided by the Government under the HSSY till date in Assam;
- (e) whether the Government has assessed the performance of HSSY in the North East, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government is taking any steps to improve access to micro-finance and market linkages to handloom weavers in the North East, if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

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

**(a) to (d):** Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes for development of handlooms and welfare of weavers across the country including Assam and other North Eastern States:

1. National Handloom Development Programme
2. Raw Material Supply Scheme

Under National Handloom Development Programme, need based financial assistance is provided for integrated and holistic development of handlooms to eligible handloom agencies/weavers on receipt of complete proposals as per the guidelines from State Governments for implementation of various interventions like upgraded looms & accessories under Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata, solar lighting units, worksheds, design and product development, infrastructure development, value addition, marketing support by organizing of fairs and exhibitions for marketing of handloom products, weaver's Mudra loan etc.

Under Raw Material Supply Scheme, raw material such as yarns, dyes, chemicals etc. is supplied to eligible handloom agencies/weavers under Transport Subsidy and Price subsidy components.

Funds are allocated for entire National Handloom Development Programme and not separately component-wise, including Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata. Since 2015-16 to 2022-23, fund of Rs.1456.66 crore has been allocated under National Handloom Development Programme and Rs. 1285.45 crore has been utilized (till 30.11.2022) across the country. Out of which, Rs. 158.75 crore is utilized in North East including Rs.27.88 crore in Assam. Under Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata, 12266 handloom workers were benefited in North East by providing upgraded looms & accessories.

**(e):** The performance of interventions under handloom Clusters including Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata has been evaluated by independent agencies. The evaluation studies reported increase in earnings and number of working days of weavers.

**(f):** In order to support working capital requirement of handloom agencies/weavers and promote marketing channels in domestic and export markets, following steps have been taken by the Government of India:

- i. Margin Money assistance under weaver's MUDRA loan scheme is provided to handloom agencies/weavers.
- ii. On-boarding of weavers on Government e-Market place to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations.
- iii. To enhance productivity, marketing capabilities and facilitate better incomes, 144 Handloom Producer companies (PCs) have been formed in the country, including 23 PCs in North East.
- iv. 13 Design Resource Centres have been set up in Weavers' Service Centres including one in Guwahati to build and create design-oriented excellence in the Handloom Sector and to facilitate weavers, exporters, manufacturers and designers access design repositories for product development.

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