

LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*403  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023

HATHKARGHA SAMVARDHAN SAHAYATA (HSS) YOJANA

\*403. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (HSS) Yojana for handloom weavers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has achieved the objective for which it was launched, if so, the details thereof including the challenges faced by the Government while implementing HSS Yojana;
- (c) the ratio of sharing of financial assistance between the Government and beneficiary;
- (d) the total financial assistance provided by the Government under the HSS Yojana till date in Maharashtra, Odisha and Tamil Nadu;
- (e) the number of SC/ST/OBC and women handloom beneficiaries from the HSS till date in the said States; and
- (f) whether the Government has assessed the performance of HSS, if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the assessment along with the corrective action taken on the drawbacks?

उत्तर  
ANSWER  
वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)  
MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (f):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*403 for answer on 29.03.2023.**

**(a) & (b):** Ministry of Textiles has been implementing National Handloom Development Programme for various interventions including Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (HSS) to provide looms & upgraded accessories for handloom workers to improve quality and enhance productivity. From 2015-16 to 2022-23 (till February, 2023), total 59,750 handloom workers have benefitted by provision of looms & upgraded accessories across the country.

As handloom workers are scattered all over the country, a Joint Committee of State Government & Weaver Service Center officials identifies the requirements, selects beneficiaries and verifies items supplied in order to achieve scheme objectives.

**(c):** The ratio of sharing of financial assistance for HSS items is 90% by Government of India and 10% by beneficiary.

**(d) & (e):** Details as mentioned in the table below regarding financial assistance to handloom workers, shows that all the beneficiaries are either SC/ST/OBC or women under Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (HSS) in the States of Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra from 2015-16 to 2022-23 (till February, 2023):

State	Financial assistance provided (Rs. in lakh)	Total Number of beneficiaries	SC/ST/OBC/Women		Women beneficiaries	
			Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Odisha	590.11	6,452	6,452	100%	1,049	16%
Tamil Nadu	1,248.65	14,624	14,624	100%	5,654	39%
Maharashtra	77.51	381	381	100%	198	52%

**(f):** Independent third-party agencies have assessed the performance of the scheme including Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata. The assessment report has categorically observed that the scheme interventions have a positive impact on the handloom workers, resulting in significant increase in average earnings and number of working days per year.

\*\*\*\*