

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1145
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

SCHEME/PROGRAMME FOR HANDLOOM SECTOR

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

- (a) the details of the benefits received by the weavers from the National Handloom Development Programme and the Raw Material Supply Scheme being implemented to help the handloom sector and overcome the difficulties faced by handloom weavers in Hooghly district of West Bengal, Amravati district of Maharashtra, Sheohar, Sitamarhi, East Champaran and Bhagalpur districts of Bihar and Sonipat district of Haryana;
- (b) the details of the number of applications received from the aforesaid places under both these schemes and the number of applications approved so far including the reasons for not approving the remaining applications;
- (c) whether the said scheme is not able to reach the needy weavers due to lack of wide publicity and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there is a role of Hon'ble Members of Parliament in the said scheme and 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): In order to benefit handloom weavers and overcome the difficulties faced by them, Ministry of Textiles is implementing the National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme across the country including Hooghly district of West Bengal, Amravati district of Maharashtra, Sheohar, Sitamarhi, East Champaran and Bhagalpur districts of Bihar and Sonipat district of Haryana. Details of the benefits extended in the States of West Bengal, Maharashtra, Bihar and Haryana under the above schemes are as follows:

(i) Cluster Development Programme: The need based financial assistance is provided for various interventions like upgraded looms & accessories, lighting units, design & product development, construction of workshed etc. During 2015-16 to 2022-23 (upto December, 2022), 09 clusters have been sanctioned for Bhagalpur District in Bihar. Further, upgraded looms/accessories to 89 weavers, lighting

units to 07 weavers, individual workshed to 155 weavers and skill upgradation training program in technical areas to 782 handloom workers have been provided in Bihar State.

(ii) Concessional Credit/Weaver MUDRA Scheme: Subsidized loans at concessional interest rate of 6% for a period of three years is available to eligible handloom organizations with interest subvention cap upto 7% by the GoI. The scheme also provides margin money assistance of 20% of loan amount subject to maximum of Rs.25,000/- to individual weaver and 20% of loan amount subject to maximum of Rs.20.00 lakh (Rs. 2.00 lakh for every 100 weaver/worker). A total of 30 number of loans with loan amount of Rs.18.75 lakh for West Bengal and 86 number of loan with loan amount of Rs.43.00 lakh for Bihar State have been sanctioned during 2019-20 to 2022-23(upto December 2022).

(iii) Handloom Marketing Assistance (HMA): Financial assistance is provided to Handloom Organizations/handloom agencies for organizing the marketing events such as National Handloom Expos (NHEs)/ Special Handloom Expos (SHEs)/ District Handloom Events (DHEs) etc. to sell their handloom products. The weavers are also facilitated to participate in various craft melas including Dilli Haat in different parts of the country. Rs.115.73 lakh for 9 Expos in Bihar, Rs.19.44 lakh for 2 Expos in Maharashtra and Rs.6.00 lakh for 01 Expo in Haryana State have been sanctioned during 2020-21 to 2022-23 (upto December 2022).

(iv) Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS): Under the scheme, quality yarn is provided to handloom weavers/ societies throughout the country. Freight charges are reimbursed for all types of yarn and component of 15% price subsidy is available for cotton hank yarn, domestic silk, wool, linen and blended yarn of natural fibres. During 2020-21 to 2022-23 (upto December 2022), 0.905 lakh kgs yarn for Hooghly district and 0.236 lakh kgs yarn for Bhagalpur district have been supplied. Under the scheme, 9 applications covering 950 looms for Hooghly district and 11 applications covering 250 looms for Bhagalpur district have been received.
