

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 981
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HANDLOOM WEAVERS/GROUP

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing National Handloom Development Programme for welfare of traditional handloom weavers and workers in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Government provides raw material at cheaper rate for above weavers and workers;
- (c) if so, the details of financial assistance provided to eligible handloom weavers/groups during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government is helping weavers to market their handloom products, including overseas exports?

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वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
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(a): Ministry of Textiles is implementing “National Handloom Development Programme” for development of handloom sector and welfare of weavers across the country. Under the scheme, need based financial assistance is provided for integrated and holistic development of handlooms.

(b) & (c): Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) is being implemented throughout the country to make Yarn available to Handloom weavers. Under the Scheme, freight charges are reimbursed for all types of yarn and 15% price subsidy (with quantity caps) is given for cotton hank yarn, domestic silk, wool, linen yarn and blended yarn of natural fibres.

Funds are sanctioned directly to Implementing Agency (IA) under RMSS. Since the procurement of yarn is by individual entities, irrespective of where they come from, State-wise data is not maintained. The details of financial assistance during last three years and current year are as under:

Year	Funds released (Rs. In Crore)
2019-20	142.21
2020-21	60.32
2021-22	89.53
2022-23	102.09 (upto January, 2023)

(d): Ministry of Textiles has been implementing Handloom Marketing Assistance (HMA) scheme as a component of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) across the country to provide marketing support to the handloom agencies/weavers to sell their products directly to the customers.

Besides the above, Government has taken the following initiatives to promote the handloom sector:

- Various domestic marketing events are organised in different parts of the country for the weavers to market and sell their products. Around 200 marketing events are organised every year at National, State and District levels to provide marketing avenues for the weavers.
- For export promotion of handloom products, Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC) has been participating/organizing various international marketing fairs/events. Recently, HEPC has participated in international expos viz. Domotex (Germany), Who's Next (France) & Ambiente (Germany) for export promotion of handlooms. Thematic display was organised at Madrid (Spain) & London (England) on the occasion of 8th National Handloom Day on 07th August, 2022.
- Weavers and artisans have been on-boarded on Government e-Market (GeM) place to enable them sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations. So far about 1.50 lakh weavers have been on boarded on the GeM portal.
