

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1654
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

PROJECTS FOR RURAL AND TRIBAL AREAS

1654. SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning for any new schemes or projects for the rural and tribal areas in the upcoming years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the intended beneficiaries or target demographics for these proposed schemes or projects;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measures or strategies to ensure effective implementation and outreach to the intended beneficiaries of these upcoming initiatives; and
- (d) 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) & (b): The Ministry of Textiles is administering various schemes such as National Handloom Development Programme, Raw Material Supply Scheme, National Handicrafts Development Programme and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme across the country, including rural & tribal areas. Under the National Handloom Development Programme, clusters are identified and financially assisted through various interventions like provision of upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, concessional loans under MUDRA Scheme, social security for the beneficiaries, etc. Under the Raw Material Supply Scheme, the Ministry provides transport subsidy, for transportation of yarn to the doorstep of the beneficiary, and 15% Price Subsidy on Cotton Hank Yarn, Domestic Silk, Woollen and Linen yarn and blended yarn of natural fibres. Under National Handicraft Development Programme, end to end support is provided to artisans including marketing, skilling, design intervention, etc.

Further, Government is implementing Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP) in rural and remote areas of the major wool producing States/UTs including Pashmina Wool Development Scheme' which primarily benefits the tribal community of Ladakh region.

(c) & (d): The Offices of Development Commissioner (Handlooms) and Development Commissioner(Handicrafts) have been working in close coordination with State Governments through interactions on policy formulation, effective implementation of Government schemes, outreach to the intended beneficiaries.
