

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2882  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023

HANDLOOM WORKERS

2882. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

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

a) the details of the number of beneficiaries under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS), State-wise;

(b) the number of registered handloom workers working across the country; and

(c) whether the Government promoted the development of handlooms and the welfare of handloom weavers after the pandemic, 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 (c): According to 4<sup>th</sup> All India Handloom Census 2019-20, there are 35,22,512 handloom workers.

Ministry of Textiles is implementing the following schemes to promote handlooms and welfare of handloom weavers across the country:

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

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, procurement of upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, training and skill upgradation, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing support for handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme and social security etc.

Details of State-wise number of beneficiaries under Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) and various components of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) is placed at **Annexure –I**.

Government has taken several initiatives for developmental of handloom sector such as:

- (i) E-Commerce portal has been developed to enable the weavers to sell their product online eliminating intermediaries.
- (ii) Handloom weavers are on-boarded 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 ensure better incomes, 155 Handloom Producer companies have been formed in different States.
- (iv) For export promotion of handloom products, Handloom Export Promotion Council has been participating/organizing international marketing fairs/events. Besides, domestic marketing events are also organised in different parts of the country for the weavers to market and sell their products.
- (v) To integrate Craft promotion with tourism, 8 Craft Handloom Villages are being set up at Sharan (H.P.), Kanihama (J&K), Mohpara (Assam), Kovalam (Kerala), Rampur, Bodh Gaya (Bihar), Pranpur (Madhya Pradesh), Moirang (Manipur) & Kunbi (Goa).
- (vi) 16 Design Resource Centres have been set up in Weavers' Service Centres at Delhi, Mumbai, Varanasi, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Kancheepuram, Kolkata, Indore, Nagpur, Panipat, Meerut, Hyderabad, Bengaluru and Chennai with the objective to build and create design-oriented excellence in the Handloom Sector and to facilitate weavers, exporters, manufacturers and designers access design repositories for sample/product improvisation and development.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2882 for answer on 20.12.2023

Annexure- I

Details of state-wise number of beneficiaries under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) for the year 2022-23.

S.No	States	No. of beneficiaries under NHDP (CDP, Marketing, Mudra & Welfare beneficiaries)	No. of looms covered under yarn pass book under RMSS
<b>East Zone</b>			
1	Arunachal Pradesh	2,768	243
2	Assam	29,293	40,471
3	Bihar	32,063	4,100
4	Jharkhand	1,371	3,704
5	Manipur	61,255	20,015
6	Meghalaya	71	366
7	Mizoram	8,778	1,228
8	Nagaland	15,250	212
9	Odisha	9,248	30,386
10	Sikkim	3,676	81
11	Tripura	16,911	610
12	West Bengal	1,532	54,807
	<b>Total East Zone</b>	<b>1,82,216</b>	<b>1,56,223</b>
<b>West Zone</b>			
13	Chhattisgarh	161	5,389
14	Gujarat	807	1,504
15	Madhya Pradesh	9,245	3,133
16	Maharashtra	1,627	2,115
17	Goa	1,201	0
	<b>Total West Zone</b>	<b>13,041</b>	<b>12,141</b>
<b>North Zone</b>			
18	Delhi	0	172
19	Haryana	1,550	3,077
20	Himachal Pradesh	90	1,336
21	Jammu & Kashmir	2,522	625
22	Laddakh	570	0
23	Punjab	35	407
24	Rajasthan	195	635
25	Uttrakhand	682	4,807
26	Uttar Pradesh	2,937	1,18,119
	<b>Total North Zone</b>	<b>8,581</b>	<b>1,29,178</b>
<b>South Zone</b>			
27	Andhra Pradesh	49,668	68,593
28	Karnataka	42,750	18,804
29	Kerala	3,637	11,002
30	Pudducherry	1,600	1,519
31	Tamil Nadu	66,843	94,339
32	Telangana	34,052	39,763
	<b>Total South Zone</b>	<b>1,98,550</b>	<b>2,34,020</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,02,388</b>	<b>5,31,562</b>

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