## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2925 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023

## DECLINE IN HANDLOOM SECTOR

## 2925. SHRI DINESH LAL YADAV "NIRAHUA":

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

- (a) whether the handloom sector in the country is registering a decline for want of assistance from the Central Government and the State Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the details of financial assistance and institutional assistance provided by the Central Government and the various State Governments for the protection of handloom sector including achievements made during the last three years;
- (d) whether any institute of international level also contributes to the protection and increase of handloom sector and weavers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

## उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

- (a) & (b): No, Sir.
- (c) to (e): 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, skilling, 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. National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), a premier institute of design, management and technology is working closely as a knowledge partner in the area of design development and positioning of handlooms and handicrafts. State Governments have their own handloom promotion schemes, which are administered by them.

The financial assistance and achievements provided under the above schemes of the Ministry: -

Oty.(in Lakh Kg), Exp. (In Rs. Crore)

S.No.	Year	RMSS		NHDP	
		Expenditure	Qty. of yarn supplied	Expenditure	Beneficiaries
1	2020-21	60.32	215.09	159.53	1,34,764
2	2021-22	89.53	235.80	165.37	4,11,367
3	2022-23	139.70	304.71	152.51	4,02,388

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