## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2928 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023

## GREEN AND BROWN FIELD PROJECTS

2928. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI: SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:

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

- (a) the details of current status of Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) in the country along with the financial allocation for the scheme;
- (b) the number of mega handloom clusters that is being implemented in different States;
- (c) the number of green and brown field projects that have been selected under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year in the States of Tamil Nadu and Odisha;
- (d) the details of the facilities and incentives being offered under the scheme; and
- (e) whether any proposals for development of mega handloom clusters in Tamil Nadu and Odisha under the CHCDS are pending for approval and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereof?

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

- (a): Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme was in operation upto October 2021, thereafter it was subsumed under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) as one of its components. The allocation of fund under NHDP in current financial year is Rs 200 crore.
- (b) to (e): Based on the complete proposals received from State Governments, so far financial assistance has been provided to 9 Mega Handloom Clusters viz. Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Sivasagar (Assam), Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu), Murshidabad (West Bengal), Prakasam & Guntur districts (Andhra Pradesh), Godda (Jharkhand), Bhagalpur (Bihar), Trichy (Tamil Nadu) and Imphal East (Manipur). During the last three years and current year, no green or brown field projects have been taken up under the scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu and Odisha. Under the Mega Handloom Cluster component of National Handloom Development Programme, need based financial assistance upto Rs. 30 crore (GOI share) per cluster is provided for various interventions like upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, worksheds, design and product development, marketing support, setting up of common infrastructure such as Value Addition centre (Garmenting/Apparel unit), Reeling, Processing, Printing units etc.

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