

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 490
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023

SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED TO THE CHILDREN OF HANDLOOM WORKERS

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

- (a) the details of the scholarship provided to handloom workers' children till 2023 under the Handloom Weavers Welfare component of the said scheme;
- (b) the State-wise details of the beneficiaries for the scholarship to children of Handloom weaver along with the steps being taken by the Government to enhance the beneficiaries
- (c) whether the Government is planning to extend this kind of scholarship to the children of Handicraft workers also and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government provides assistance to handloom weavers for export of their products under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the number of expos, events, craft melas etc. that have been organised in the States of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Odisha; and
- (f) the details of the total Mega and Small Handloom Clusters identified in the States of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Odisha especially in the Navsari, Pratapgarh, Pali and Balasore parliamentary constituencies respectively?

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ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Textiles, Government of India is providing financial support as scholarship maximum upto Rs. 2 lakh per annum per child (upto 2 children) to handloom weavers/workers' children for study in Diploma/Under Graduate/Post Graduate courses of recognized Textiles Institutions under Handloom Weavers' Welfare, a component of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP). This initiative was introduced in October, 2021. Since inception of the scheme component, an amount of Rs.35.13 lakh as scholarship has been sanctioned/released to 64 handloom weavers/workers' children across the country. State-wise details of the beneficiaries covered under the scholarship is as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of State	Total no. of beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	1
2	Gujarat	1
3	Karnataka	11
4	Madhya Pradesh	2
5	Maharashtra	1
6	Tamil Nadu	12
7	Telangana	6
8	Uttar Pradesh	30
	Total	64

Government of India is regularly organizing awareness camps/chaupals with the close coordination of State Government concerned for enhancing the beneficiaries of handloom schemes including Scholarship to handloom weavers/workers' children throughout the country.

(c): No such provision is available under the existing Handicraft scheme towards providing scholarship to children of handicraft artisans.

(d): To promote exports of handloom products, Handloom Export Promotion Council, National Handloom Development Corporation and Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts participate/organize International Fairs/Events. The details are as under:

Financial Year	Number of events (Physical/ Virtual)	Number of participants
2020-21	12	375
2021-22	14	317
2022-23	20	470
2023-24 (upto 30.11.2023)	6	222

(e): The State-wise details of number of handloom expos, craft melas etc. sanctioned during 2020-21 to 2023-24 (upto 30.11.2023) for Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Odisha are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of State	Total number of events
1	Gujarat	7
2	Uttar Pradesh	50
3	Rajasthan	8
4	Odisha	19

(f): Ministry of Textiles, Government of India is providing need based financial assistance upto Rs.30.00 crore per cluster under Mega Cluster Development Programme and upto Rs.2.00 crore per cluster under Small Cluster Development Programme towards implementation of various interventions such as product and design development, construction of workshed, upgraded looms and accessories, lighting units, marketing support etc. on receipt of viable proposals from State/UT Governments. Total 249 number of Small Cluster Development Programmes have been financially assisted from 2020-21 to 2023-24 (upto 30.11.2023) across the country. However, State-wise details of the Small Cluster Development Programmes financially assisted from 2020-21 to 2023-24 (upto 30.11.2023) in respect of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Odisha are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of State	Total no. of clusters
1.	Gujarat	04
2.	Uttar Pradesh	28
3.	Rajasthan	02
4.	Odisha	04

No complete proposal has been received in respect of Mega and Small Handloom Cluster for the Navsari District of Gujarat, Pratapgarh District of Uttar Pradesh, Pali District of Rajasthan and Balasore District of Odisha.
