

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 559
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023

SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HANDLOOM AND HANDICRAFT SECTORS

559. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

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

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented for the development of handloom and handicraft sectors in the country particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) the details of benefits accrued as a result of these schemes during the last five years and the current year;
- (c) the State-wise details of the funds allocated, released and utilised under these schemes during each of the last five years and the current year;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase more employment opportunities to meet the targets set for the development of handloom and handicraft sectors; and
- (e) the other steps taken for revival of handloom/ handicraft industries including textiles in the country?

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

(a)to(e): The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing the following schemes for the handloom and handicraft sectors across the country, including the State of Maharashtra:

1. National Handloom Development Programme;
2. Raw Material Supply Scheme;
3. National Handicraft Development Programme;
4. Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme;

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided for raw materials, purchase of looms, accessories and toolkits, design innovation, product diversification, infrastructure development, marketing of handloom and handicraft products in domestic and overseas markets, loans at concessional rates, etc.

In the schemes implemented by the Ministry of Textiles in these sectors, budget is not allocated State/UT-wise. Funds to eligible handloom agencies are released for various interventions on receipt of viable proposals as per the extant guidelines of the respective schemes. The details of funds released and utilised under these schemes during the last five years and the current year are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

| Year | Funds released/utilised |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 2018-19 | 349.66 |
| 2019-20 | 422.09 |
| 2020-21 | 392.98 |
| 2021-22 | 651.86 |
| 2022-23 | 428.60 |
| 2023-24 (as on 31 st October 2023) | 238.45 |

The Government does not provide direct employment to the artisans and weavers. However, the Government imparts various training programmes and implements schemes for promotion and development of sectors to help artisans and weavers improve their earnings.
