

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1927  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2021

PERSONS ENGAGED IN HANDLOOM SECTOR

1927. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding the workforce engaged in handloom sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted to improve the skill of the said workers; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति ज़ूबिन इरानी)  
MINISTER OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

**(a) & (b):** Ministry of Textiles through office of Development Commissioner for handlooms has conducted 4<sup>th</sup> All India Handloom Census during 2019-20. As per the report 35,22,512 handloom workers are engaged in the country in Handloom Sector .

**(c) & (d):** Skill upgradation is a continuous process. Need-based skill upgradation programmes for handloom workers in technical areas viz. weaving, dyeing, designing etc, were earlier conducted under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) and now under the 'Capacity Building in Textile Sector – SAMARTH' Scheme.

From FY 2015-16 to 2020-21 (till January 2021), 56614 handloom workers have been imparted skill upgradation training under NHDP, CHCDS and SAMARTH.

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