

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1961
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2021

DEVELOPMENT OF HANDLOOM SECTOR

1961. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

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

- (a) the total contribution of handloom and handicraft sector to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether handloom sector contribution to the GDP of the country is decreasing over the years and if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government has discontinued the existing schemes for the development of handloom sector;
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (e) if not, scheme-wise allocation and expenditure for the development of handloom weavers and handicraft artisans during the last three years; and
- (f) the further steps taken by the Government for development of handloom and handicraft sector?

उत्तर

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Due to unorganized and traditional nature of handloom and handicraft sectors, production data pertaining to these Sectors is dispersed and largely unavailable for centralized quantification.

(c) & (d): No, Sir.

(e):

Scheme-wise funds allocated and expenditure/funds released in the last three years for Handlooms											
SN	Name of Scheme	2017-18 (Rs. In crore)		2018-19 (Rs. In crore)		2019-20 (Rs. In crore)		2020-21 (Rs. In crore)		Total (2017-18 to 2020-21) (Rs. In crore)	
		Funds allocated	Exp/ Funds released	Funds allocated	Exp/ Funds released	Funds allocated	Exp/ Funds released	Funds allocated	Funds released	Funds allocated	Exp/ Funds released
	Handloom Sector										
1	National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)	140.24	135.05	138.53	118.72	147.05	141.87	205.00	144.33	630.82	539.97
2	Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)	32.50	31.82	21.50	16.38	21.12	16.22	14.00	5.91	89.12	70.33
3	Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS)	25.00	24.98	10.05	2.06	19.59	8.04	10.00	-	64.64	35.08
4	Yarn Supply Scheme (YSS)	200.00	199.84	155.41	126.84	166.19	142.21	155.00	53.11	676.60	522.00
	Total	397.74	391.69	325.49	264.00	353.95	308.34	384.00	203.35	1461.18	1167.38

Scheme-wise funds allocated and expenditure/funds released in the last three years for Handicrafts											
SN	Name of Scheme	2017-18 (Rs. In crore)		2018-19 (Rs. In crore)		2019-20 (Rs. In crore)		2020-21 (Rs. In crore)		Total (2017-18 to 2020-21) (Rs. In crore)	
		Funds allocated	Exp/ Funds released	Funds allocated	Exp/ Funds released	Funds allocated	Exp/ Funds released	Funds allocated	Funds released	Funds allocated	Exp/ Funds released
Handicraft Sector											
1	National Handicraft Development Programme (NHDP)	107.03	100.95	95.61	77.00	159.38	131.13	208.76	99.46	570.78	408.54
2	Comprehensive Handicraft Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)	15.22	8.28	13.50	8.30	34.98	32.12	35.00	15.58	98.70	64.28
Total		122.25	109.23	109.11	85.30	194.36	163.25	243.76	115.04	669.48	472.82

(f): Further Steps taken by the Government:

i) International Fairs were organised by different Export Councils in virtual mode as per details below:

Export Council	No. of Events
Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC)	07
Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) and Carpet Export Promotion council (CEPC)	09

Both HEPC and EPCH participated in the Bharat Parv Festival organised by Ministry of Tourism. Besides, 66 domestic marketing events have also been sanctioned for different parts of the country.

- ii) Social media campaigns #Vocal4handmade was launched on the 6th National Handloom Day and 9th November, 2020 by the Government, in partnership with all stakeholders to ensure people's support for the weaving and artisan communities.
- iii) 534 number of Chaupals were organized in various States to educate the weavers to avail benefits of various handloom schemes.
- iv) To ensure higher returns on Weavers' through pooling of resources, 117 Handloom and 46 Handicraft Producer companies have been formed in different States.
- v) To promote e-marketing of handloom products, 23 e-commerce entities have been engaged for on-line marketing of handloom products.
- vi) Design Resource Centres (DRCs) have been set up in Weavers Service Centres (WSCs) of Delhi, Mumbai, Varanasi, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Bhubaneshwar and Guwahati with the help of NIFT.
- vii) About 1.5 Lakh weavers and 30,000 artisans have been on-boarded on the Government e-Market place (GeM) to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government Departments.
- viii) Crafts Tourism villages have been sanctioned wherein craft promotion and tourism are being taken up simultaneously. As on date total 12 Crafts Villages have identified in both handicrafts and Handloom sector across the country.
- ix) A National Action Plan for Indian Toy Story has been made in collaboration with other Ministries/Dept. of Govt. of India to boost the Indian Toy Industry and support artisans. A National Toy fair is proposed to be organised from 27th Feb to 3rd March 2021.
