

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4335
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021**

LABOURERS IN HANDLOOM SECTOR

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any data regarding the loans provided to handloom sector;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the efforts being made by the Government to provide incentive to the labourers engaged in handloom sector and create awareness among them?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Textiles facilitates loans to handloom weavers across the country on concessional rate of interest through Weavers' MUDRA Scheme. Under the Scheme, credit at concessional interest rate of 6% is provided to the handloom weavers. Margin money assistance to a maximum of Rs.10,000 per weaver and credit guarantee for a period of 3 years is also provided. MUDRA Portal has been developed in association with Punjab National Bank to cut down delay in disbursement of funds for margin money and interest subvention. In the last 6 years and the current year, loan worth Rs.890.64 crore has been disbursed to about 2.65 crore weaver beneficiaries.

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(c): In order to promote and develop handloom sector across the country, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes, under which financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/weavers in the form of grants-in-aid for raw materials, purchase of looms and accessories, design innovation, product diversification, infrastructure development, skill upgradation, lighting units, marketing of handloom products in domestic as well as overseas markets and loan at concessional rates: -

- 1) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)**
- 2) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)**
- 3) Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS)**
- 4) Yarn Supply Scheme (YSS)**

Apart from implementation of above schemes, following new initiatives have also been taken by the Ministry of Textiles for the benefit of handloom weavers: -

- i) The handloom weavers and exporters from different corners of the country are connected virtually with international market.**
- ii) Social media campaigns are also organized in partnership with all stakeholders to promote handloom and handicraft legacy of India.**
- iii) Over 534 Chaupals have been organized in various States to educate/create awareness amongst the weavers to avail benefits of various handloom schemes for their welfare and socio-economic development.**
- iv) 23 e-commerce entities have been engaged for online marketing of handloom products to promote e-marketing of handloom products**
- v) To support the handloom sector and to enable wider market for handloom weavers/producers, 1.5 lakh handloom weavers/entities have been on-boarded on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for supply of their products to Government Departments.**
- vi) 117 handloom producer companies have been formed in different States to enhance productivity and marketing capabilities and ensure higher returns for handloom workers through collective efforts and pooling of resources.**
- vii) Design Resource Centres have been set up in Weavers' Service Centres (WSCs) at Delhi, Mumbai, Varanasi, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati in collaboration with National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) with the intent to build and create design-oriented excellence in the handloom sector and to facilitate weavers, exporters, manufacturers and designers in creating new designs and to take benefit of erstwhile-created designs.**