

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2033  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2021

WELFARE SCHEMES FOR HANDLOOM ARTISANS

2033. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

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

- (a) the names of the development and welfare schemes for handloom and handicraft artisans being implemented at present;
- (b) whether there is any machinery with the Government to ascertain that the said schemes are benefitting the targetted artisans and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of artisans benefited under the said schemes during the last three years, scheme-wise?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

**(a):** The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes for development and welfare of handloom weavers and artisans:

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);
5. National Handicraft Development Programme (NHDP);
6. Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS);

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, getting loans at concessional rates, etc.

**(b):** The Offices of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) and Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India are having their field offices across the country to monitor the implementation of the various schemes. At the same time, monitoring of the schemes is also done by the State Governments.

The payments made to different Handloom/Handicrafts beneficiaries under various schemes are all done through DBT. Further, evaluation of the schemes is conducted from time to time through independent third-party agencies.

(c): Scheme-wise number of weavers/artisans benefitted under the said schemes for handloom and handicraft sectors during the last three years is as under:

<b>Handloom Schemes</b>		
S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Number of weavers/artisans benefitted during the last three years (2018-19 to 2020-21)
1.	National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)	897854
2.	Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Programme (CHCDS)	23909
3.	Yarn Supply Scheme	657999
4.	Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS)	310200
<b>Handicraft Schemes</b>		
1.	National Handicraft Development Programme (NHDP)	204682
2.	Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)	35248

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