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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2897  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021

DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN HANDLOOM WORKERS

2897. SHRI B.B.PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is running any scheme aimed at the development of women handloom workers in Telangana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide special package to such women workers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the strategy being chalked out by the Government to promote handloom in Telangana?

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ANSWER

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

**(a) to (e):** Under various schematic interventions for handloom workers including women workers throughout the country including Telangana, financial assistance is provided to the eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, purchase of upgraded looms & accessories, design innovation & product diversification, infrastructure development, marketing of handloom products in domestic as well as overseas markets, Mudra loans at concessional rates, etc. Further, 100% subsidy is given to women weavers for construction of individual workshed. Kamladevi Chattopadhyay Award has been instituted specifically for women weavers.

To overcome the present challenges being faced by handloom workers, the Government has taken following steps for their welfare and to promote handloom sector across the country: -

- i. Steps have been taken to on-board weavers on Government e-Market place to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations. So far about 1.50 Lakh weavers have been on-boarded on the GeM portal.
- ii. To enhance productivity, marketing capabilities and ensure better incomes, 128 Handloom Producer companies have been formed in different States.

- iii. Under Concessional Credit/ Weaver MUDRA Scheme, financial assistance is provided as follows :
- a) Margin money assistance
    - @ 20% of loan amount, subject to maximum of Rs.25,000/- per weaver'
    - 20% of loan amount, subject to maximum of Rs.20.00 lakh (@ Rs.2.00 lakh for every 100 weaver/ worker) per handloom organisation.
  - b) Interest subvention upto 7% for 3 years; and
  - c) Credit Guarantee on loans for 3 years
- iv. Design Resource Centres have been set up in Weavers' Service Centres at Delhi, Mumbai, Varanasi, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati and Kancheepuram, through NIFT with the objective to build and create design-oriented excellence in the Handloom Sector and to facilitate weavers, exporters, manufacturers and designers access design repositories for sample/product improvisation and development.
- v. To promote marketing of handloom products, Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC) has been organizing International Fairs in virtual mode. During the year 2020-21, 12 handloom fairs were organized in virtual mode. Besides, domestic marketing events were also organized in different parts of the country for the weavers to market and sell their products.

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