

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1342
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022

PROMOTION OF HANDICRAFT

1342. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

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

- (a) the facilities provided to the weavers to promote handlooms and hand woven sarees and other items;
- (b) whether any loan or other facilities have been provided to promote handicrafts by the Government in the last three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has made any provision of special discount on cotton yarn and other items for domestic handlooms and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

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

(a): The Office of Development Commissioner for Handlooms is implementing following schemes for development and promotion of handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers across the country: -

- I. National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP);
- II. Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS)

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided to the eligible handloom agencies/weavers etc. for raw materials, purchase of looms/accessories/lighting units, construction of worksheds, MUDRA loans at concessional rates, design development, common infrastructure development, marketing of handloom products, developmental projects, registration of handloom projects under Geographical Indications Act, promotion of Handloom Mark and India Handloom Brand etc.

(b) & (c): Mudra loan is provided to the registered handicrafts artisans and handloom weavers along with two components through the Nationalized/Cooperative Banks.

- I. Interest Subvention: - Interest subvention @ 6% of the loan amount maximum to Rs.1.00 lakhs over a period of three years.

II. Margin Money: -To ensure the availability of concessional credit to artisans, margin money is provided to the artisan availing MUDRA loan. 20% of MUDRA loan amount will be given as Margin money in their loan amount not exceeding to Rs.20,000/- for the artisans and 25,000/- for handloom weavers.

So far, 74,797 artisans and weavers have availed this loan in the last three years (up to 31.01.2022).

(d): Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) is being implemented throughout the country to make available Yarn to Handloom weavers. Under the Scheme, freight charges are reimbursed for all types of yarn; and component of 15% price subsidy is there for cotton hank yarn, domestic silk, wool and linen yarn and blended yarn of natural fibres, with quantity caps.
