

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2440
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022

HANDLOOM WEAVERS

2440. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any details of handloom weavers' cooperative societies currently functioning in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the steps being taken to rope in designers to reproduce some of the old motifs to draw customers back to Co-optex and other retail showrooms etc.;
- (c) whether the Government also intends to provide rebates on silk saris, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether there is also a need to create awareness among weavers regarding the Government schemes, including those of the Union/State Government, if so, the details thereof and the effective steps taken till now in this regard along with the results yielded?

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ANSWER

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

(a): Handloom Weavers' Cooperative Societies are registered under Cooperative Acts of the respective States and functioning in respective States in the cooperative fold. As per information received, approximately 10,989 Handloom Weavers' Societies are functioning in various States.

(b) to (d): Design Resource Centers have been set up in Weavers' Service Centers at Delhi, Mumbai, Varanasi, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati and Kancheepuram with the objective to build and create design-oriented excellence in the Handloom Sector and to facilitate weavers, exporters, manufacturers and designers access these design repositories for old as well as new designs and also for sample/product improvisation and development.

Raw Material Supply Scheme is being implemented throughout the country to make Yarn available 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.

Ministry of Textiles is providing marketing platform to the handloom agencies/weavers by organizing marketing expos/events to sell the handloom products directly to the consumers under Handloom Marketing Assistance, a component of National Handloom Development Programme. These marketing expos/events are utilized to disseminate information and create awareness about handloom schemes of Ministry of Textiles amongst weavers. The Ministry also conducts awareness programmes in Handloom clusters for this purpose.
