

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3404  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022

UPGRADATION OF IIHT

3404. SHRI SURESH PUJARI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan in the coming financial year to upgrade different Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT) having 3 year diploma course to 4 year degree courses;
- (b) if so, whether the Government will consider upgradation of IIHT, Bargarh of Odisha to the next level from 3 year diploma course to 4 year degree course being the 5th such Institute in India; and
- (c) whether the Government will consider different specialisation courses in the Institute and simultaneously consider training of handloom artisans, and global marketing of Sambalpuri Sarees?

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

**(a) & (b):** 4 year degree course “B.Tech in Handloom & Textile Technology” has been introduced at IIHT, Salem and Varanasi from the academic years 2015-16 & 2021-22 respectively, in addition to the 3 year Diploma course in Handloom and Textile Technology. The Government of India has taken a policy decision to introduce said degree course in the IIHTs under its control including at Bargarh as per feasibility of introducing the degree course.

**(c):** At present, all the IIHTs are conducting 3 year diploma (DHTT) course. IIHTs at Salem and Varanasi also conduct 1 ½ year Post Diploma course in Textile Processing. Skill up-gradation of handloom weavers in technical areas viz. weaving, dyeing, designing etc. was earlier conducted under National Handloom Development Programme and Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme and since 2020-21, under Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SAMARTH). For marketing of Handloom at the international level, Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC) has been organizing International Fairs.

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