

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3437
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022

PROMOTION OF HANDLOOM SECTOR

3437. SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote Uttar Pradesh's rich handloom sector on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and
- (c) the names of programmes developed and the funds allocated therefor by Government in this regard?

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

(a) to (c): The Government of India and Uttar Pradesh Government undertook various activities to promote handloom sector across the country on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Weavers' Service Centres (WSCs) at Varanasi and Meerut organised the following activities:

- Live demonstration for spreading awareness about using environment-friendly, safe for skin vegetable dyes.
- Showcasing use of khadi yarns, display of khadi dress materials and stoles prepared by WSC, Varanasi.
- Live demonstration of khadi weaving.
- Dissemination of information on Handloom schemes implemented by Ministry of Textiles.
- An exhibition was organized by Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Varanasi on 2nd October 2019. WSC Varanasi participated in the exhibition.

Further, to promote the handlooms and welfare of weavers across the country, Ministry of Textiles is implementing the following schemes:

- 1) National Handloom Development Programme;
- 2) Raw Material Supply Scheme;

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided to the eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, common infrastructure development, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, Weaver MUDRA Loans etc.
