

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4520  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HANDLOOM WORKERS

4520. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

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

- (a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to handloom workers, handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials and purchase of infrastructure development of looms and accessories;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and disbursed under various such schematic interventions for handloom workers, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to overcome the challenges being faced by handloom workers and to promote handloom in the country including Odisha;
- (d) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take steps to support the handloom sector and to enable wider market for handloom weavers to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the number of weavers benefitted during the last three years, State/ UT-wise including Odisha?

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ANSWER

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

**(a) to (c):** Ministry of Textiles is implementing the following schemes to promote the handlooms and welfare of weavers across the country including Odisha:

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, loans at concessional rates, etc.

In these schemes budget is not allocated State/UT-wise. Funds to eligible agencies are released for various interventions on receipt of proposals as per the extant guidelines of the respective schemes. The details of funds allocated/utilized under these schemes during the last three years and the current year are as follows:-

Scheme-wise and year wise funds allocated/utilized during last three years and current year									
(Rs in Crore)									
Sl. No.	Name of Schemes	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22(till 22.02.2022)	
		Allocated	Utilized*	Allocated	Utilized*	Allocated	Utilized*	Allocated	Utilized*
1	National Handloom Development Programme (Revenue)	142.08	113.82	166.71	149.14	161.49	159.53	165.50	152.48
2	Raw Material Supply Scheme	155.41	126.84	165.21	142.21	70.00	60.32	105.00	86.34
<b>Total</b>		<b>297.49</b>	<b>240.66</b>	<b>331.92</b>	<b>291.35</b>	<b>231.49</b>	<b>219.85</b>	<b>270.50</b>	<b>238.82</b>

\* The funds utilized/released are based on receipt of proposals from the State Governments and other Handloom organisations, and utilization of previously released funds etc.

To overcome the issues faced by handloom workers, the Government has taken following steps:

- i. The States and UTs have been requested for their State Handloom Corporations/Co-operatives/Agencies to make purchases of the finished inventory available with the handloom weavers.
- ii. To enhance productivity, marketing capabilities and facilitate better incomes, 135 Handloom Producer companies have been formed in different States of the country.
- iii. Under Weaver MUDRA/Concessional Credit Scheme, margin money assistance at 20% of the loan amount subject to a maximum of Rs. 25,000/- for individual weaver/Weaver Entrepreneur and Rs. 20 lakh for Handloom Organizations, interest subvention upto 7% and credit guarantee fees on loans for a period of three years are provided.
- iv. Design Resource Centres have been set up in Weavers' Service Centres at Delhi, Mumbai, Varanasi, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati and Kancheepuram 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. For export promotion of handloom products, Handloom Export Promotion Council has been organizing International Fairs. During the year 2021-22, various international marketing fairs/events have been organized. Besides, domestic marketing events were also organized in different parts of the country for the weavers to market and sell their products.
- vi. Weavers are facilitated to sell their products online and 23 e-commerce platforms have been associated by Ministry of Textiles under a policy framework.

(d) & (e): Steps have been taken to on-board weavers on Government e-Market place to enable them sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations. As of now, 1,49,429 weavers and handloom organizations have been on-boarded on the GeM portal, including 6,252 weavers already on-boarded on the date of initiation of the exercise. The State/UT- wise details of weavers and Handloom organizations on-boarded on the portal through this initiative is as follows:-

	<b>No. of Weavers/Handloom Agencies on-boarded</b>
ANDHRA PRADESH	32,435
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2,183
ASSAM	3,816
BIHAR	1,270
CHHATTISGARH	2,578
DELHI	160
GUJARAT	3,422
HARYANA	1,896
HIMACHAL PRADESH	393
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	28
JHARKHAND	911
KARNATAKA	8,533
KERALA	7,007
MADHYA PRADESH	5,686
MAHARASHTRA	893
MANIPUR	3,423
MEGHALAYA	961
MIZORAM	505
NAGALAND	1,178
ODISHA	4,145
PUNJAB	240
RAJASTHAN	1,187
TAMIL NADU	16,495
TELANGANA	22,440
TRIPURA	4,088
UTTAR PRADESH	6,865
UTTARAKHAND	1,593
WEST BENGAL	8,846

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