

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1666  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022

SETTING UP OF HANDLOOM CLUSTER

1666. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up handloom clusters in the country to strengthen the economy of the handloom weavers;
- (b) if so, the details of proposal of the Government to set up State-wise handloom clusters along with the action taken thereto; and
- (c) the details of proposal and feasibility report to set up such cluster in Kalna/Katwa/Nabadwip, Murshidabad and Bishnupur of West Bengal and if not, the reasons thereof?

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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 Cluster Development Programme for integrated development of handloom sector. Need based financial assistance is provided based on the proposals received from State/UTs Governments.

Under the scheme, financial assistance has been provided for development of 520 handloom clusters since 2015-16 for implementation various interventions like product development/diversification, upgraded looms/accessories, solar lighting units, construction of worksheds, design development, skill upgradation and marketing of handloom products etc.

Financial assistance has been provided to 26 handloom clusters in Cooch Behar, Howrah, Nadia, Purba Medinipur and Murshidabad districts of West Bengal. Proposals for providing financial assistance to clusters in Kalna/Katwa/Nabadwip, Murshidabad and Bishnupur have not been received from the Government of West Bengal. State/UT-wise detail of number of handloom clusters provided financial assistance is annexed.

**Annexure**

Statement referred to in reply of part (b) of Lok Sabha Question No.1666 to be answered on 27.07.2022

State/UT-wise number of handloom clusters provided financial assistance under NHDP/CHCDS during 2015-16 to 2022-23 (as on 22.07.2022)

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>States</b>	<b>No. of Clusters</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	66
2	Arunachal Pradesh	11
3	Assam	59
4	Bihar	18
5	Chhattisgarh	12
6	Gujarat	5
7	Himachal Pradesh	10
8	Jammu & Kashmir	15
9	Jharkhand	30
10	Karnataka	9
11	Kerala	11
12	Ladakh	1
13	Madhya Pradesh	9
14	Maharashtra	6
15	Manipur	31
16	Meghalaya	3
17	Mizoram	15
18	Nagaland	13
19	Orissa	30
20	Rajasthan	2
21	Sikkim	1
22	Tamilnadu	58
23	Telangana	15
24	Tripura	9
25	Uttar Pradesh	52
26	Uttarakhand	3
27	West Bengal	26
	<b>Total</b>	<b>520</b>

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