

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2911  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022

HANDLOOM AND HANDICRAFTS SECTOR

2911. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revive, promote and develop handloom and handicrafts sectors in Telangana and other parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of the funds allocated, released and spent under various welfare schemes for handloom weavers during the last three years, State-wise including Telangana; and
- (e) the details of the success achieved so far in providing marketing facilities to the weavers and the total number of weavers benefited during the said period, State-wise?

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ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): To promote handloom & handicraft sectors, Ministry of textiles is implementing the following schemes for weavers and artisans across the country including Telangana:

1. National Handloom Development Programme;
2. Raw Material Supply Scheme;
3. National Handicrafts Development Programme;
4. Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme.

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided to the eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, common infrastructure development, marketing of handloom & handicrafts products in domestic/overseas markets, Weavers MUDRA Loans and to handicraft artisans for skill development in Handicrafts Sector, Ambedkar hastshilp Vikas Yojna, Direct Benefit to Artisans, infrastructure and Technology Support, Research and Development, Mega Cluster etc.

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

Scheme wise and year –wise funds allocated/utilized during the last three years (Rs. in Crore)							
S. No.	Name of Scheme	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
		Allocated	Utilized	Allocated	Utilized	Allocated	Utilized
1.	National Handloom Development Programme	166.71	149.14	161.49	159.53	165.50	165.37
2.	Raw Material Supply Scheme	165.21	142.21	70.00	60.32	105.00	89.53

Note: The figures are for the currently merged Scheme of NHDP, which comprises of erstwhile NHDP, Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme and Handloom Weaver Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.

- Since 2015-16, 520 Clusters have been sanctioned financial assistance, (including 15 in Telangana) (upto 30.06.2022). Further, upgraded looms/accessories have been provided to 58,502 weavers. Lighting units for 5,706 weavers, assistance for individual work-sheds to 3,793 weavers and also 71,952 handloom workers who have undergone skill up-gradation in technical areas.
- Handloom Expos/events are being organized at various places to provide marketing platform to the Handloom Weavers to enable them to sell their products directly to end users across the country.
- Weavers are facilitated to sell their products online and 23 e-commerce platforms have been associated with Ministry of Textiles under a policy framework.
- Steps have been taken to on-board weavers on Government e-Market place to enable them to sell their products directly to various Government Departments and organizations. So far about 1.5 lakh handloom weavers and 0.28 lakh handicrafts artisans have been on-boarded on the GeM portal, including the State of Telangana.

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