

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 646
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022

PROMOTING HANDLOOM SECTOR

646. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:
SHRI T.R. BAALU:

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

- (a) whether the Handloom Sector in the country is perishing due to lack of support from the Union and State Governments;
- (b) if not, details of financial aid and institutional support extended by the Union Government and various State Governments to protect Handloom Sector and the growth achieved therein during the last three years;
- (c) whether any assistance is available from the International institutions including United Nations Organization for protecting and promoting the Handlooms Industry and weavers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the assistance/ recognition by India in the last three years?

उत्तर
ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Government of India and various State Governments are providing financial and Institutional support for development of handlooms and welfare of weavers. The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes:

- i) National Handloom Development Programme
- ii) Raw Material Supply Scheme

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, purchase of looms/accessories/lighting units, construction of worksheds, Mudra loans at concessional rates, design development, common & technical infrastructure, marketing of handloom products, developmental projects, registration of handloom products under GI Act, promotion of Handloom Mark and India Handloom Brand, inspection of powerloom units etc.

At the same time, the State Governments have been implementing their handloom schemes for promotion of handlooms.

Ministry of Textiles and State Governments are extending support to Institutions across the country for implementation of schematic/non-schematic interventions for development, promotion of handlooms and welfare of weavers. These include agencies/bodies working in field for handlooms like State Directorates, State Corporations, State Apex Co-operative Societies, Primary Co-operative Societies, Producers Companies, Non-Government Organisations, Weavers' Service Centres, Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology, Textiles Committee/National Handloom Development Corporation, Handloom Export Promotion Council, National Institute of Fashion Technology, State Enforcement offices etc.

The handloom Sector is supported by the budgetary allocations made by the Government of India and State Governments. However, the Government of India, Ministry of Textiles has approached United Nations Development Programme for capacity building of Handloom Producers Companies.
