LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1172 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2024

UPGRADATION OF TEXTILE SECTOR

1172. THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided funds for the welfare and development of Textile sector and weavers communities in the Vellore Parliamentary constituency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the effective measures taken by the Union Government to provide financial assistance and marketing support for the upgradation of textile sector in Tamil Nadu, particularly in the Vellore, Gudiyattam region?

उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री प**बित्र मार्घेरिटा**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) to (c): The Government of India is implementing various schemes/initiatives on a pan India basis including Tamil Nadu aimed at financial assistance and marketing support for the upgradation of textile sector. The major schemes/initiatives include PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme; Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme focusing on MMF Fabric, MMF Apparel and Technical; National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) focusing on Research Innovation & Development, Promotion and Market Development; SAMARTH – Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector with the objective providing demand driven, placement oriented, skilling program; Silk Samagra-2 for comprehensive development of sericulture value chain.; National Handicraft Development Program etc.

Further, the Government of India is implementing National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme to promote handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers across the country. Under these schemes, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/workers for raw materials, procurement of upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing of handloom products in domestics/overseas markets and social security etc.

The effective measures taken by the Government to provide financial assistance and marketing support for the up gradation of handloom sector in Tamil Nadu including Vellore, Gudiyattam region during last three years and current year (as on 30.06.2024) are as follows:

(i) 24 Handloom Clusters have been taken up for financial assistance of Rs.14.22 crore in Tamil Nadu, out of which one handloom cluster have been taken up in Vellore Constituency and Rs.48.87 lakh has been released so far.

- (ii) More than 3,400 handloom weavers provided upgraded looms/accessories in Tamil Nadu.
- (iii) 18 marketing events organised and amount of Rs.7.26 crore has been released to facilitate and promote sales of Handloom Products in Tamil Nadu.
- (iv) Rs.4.78 crore marketing incentives have been provided to handloom organisations of Tamil Nadu including Rs.38.87 lakh to handloom organizations of Vellore region.
- (v) More than 15,000 beneficiaries provided loans under Weavers' MUDRA Scheme in Tamil Nadu.
- (vi) More than 40,000 beneficiaries enrolled under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana in Tamil Nadu.
- (vii) More than 340 lakh kg of yarn supplied under Transport subsidy & Price subsidy benefitting approx. 94,000 handloom organizations/weavers every year in Tamil Nadu.
