

TRADITIONAL TEXTILES

2345. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any policy in place to preserve as well as promote traditional textile industry and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Northern States including Bihar are rich in traditional textiles;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to find out the States rich in traditional textiles;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to preserve and promote rich traditional textile industry of the region; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated for the development of traditional textile industry, State-wise particularly in Bihar?

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ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) to (e): The Ministry is implementing various schemes/initiatives on a pan India basis aimed at promoting traditional textile industry/ handloom sector. The office of Development Commissioner (Handloom) is implementing National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme. Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/workers for raw materials, purchase of looms and accessories, design innovation, product diversification, infrastructure development, marketing of handloom products in domestic and overseas markets, loans at concessional rates, etc. Traditional handloom products are also promoted and protected by registering these products under Geographical Indication (GI) Act, 1999. So far, 103 handloom products and 06 product logos are registered under the GI Act, which includes Bhagalpur Silk from Bihar.

In the schemes implemented by the Ministry of Textiles in handloom sector, budget is not allocated State/UT-wise. Funds to eligible handloom agencies are released for various interventions on receipt of viable proposals as per the extant guidelines of the respective schemes. The details of funds released under these schemes across the country including Bihar during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Funds released/utilised(Rs. in crore)
2021-22	254.90
2022-23	292.21
2023-24	346.08
