

PROGRESS OF HANDLOOM CLUSTERS

3565. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

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

- (a) the number of handloom clusters in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the progress of handloom cluster development projects in various States;
- (c) whether any specific areas or States have been identified under this project, if so, the details thereof;
and
- (d) whether the Government have any strategy to support the declining handloom industry in the country
and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) & (b): The Cluster Development Programme, component of National Handloom Development Programme is under implementation since 2015-16 for providing financial assistance to Handloom Workers through various interventions like upgraded looms & accessories, construction of work sheds, solar lighting units, product & design development, skill upgradation etc., across the country.

State-wise number of handloom clusters financially assisted from the years 2015-16 to 2024-25 (till 30.11.2024) and progress is given at Annexure.

(c): Handloom Pockets are identified by respective State Government based on the requirement of handloom workers and accordingly, proposals are submitted by State Government concerned to Government of India for providing financial assistance.

(d): To provide end to end support for promotion of handloom sector and welfare of handloom workers, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes across the country:

1. National Handloom Development Programme
2. Raw Material Supply Scheme

Under the National Handloom Development Programme, clusters are identified and financially assisted through various interventions like upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of worksheds, product & design development, technical & common infrastructure, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, concessional loans under weaver's MUDRA scheme and social security for the beneficiaries, etc.

Under the Raw Material supply Scheme, the Ministry provides transport subsidy for transportation of yarn to the doorstep of the beneficiaries and 15% Price Subsidy on Cotton Hank yarn, Domestic Silk, Woollen & Linen yarn and blended yarn of natural fibres.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3565 for answer on 17.12.2024.

State/UT wise number of Handloom clusters financially assisted during 2015-16 to 2024-25(till 30.11.2024) and Progress				
S. No.	State/UTs	No. of clusters financially assisted	No. of Clusters completed/ closed	No. of ongoing Clusters
1	Andhra Pradesh	93	54	39
2	Arunachal Pradesh	33	11	22
3	Assam	88	59	29
4	Bihar	32	13	19
5	Chhatisgarh	14	9	5
6	Gujarat	8	3	5
7	Himachal Pradesh	18	8	10
8	Jammu & Kashmir (including Ladakh)	16	12	4
9	Jharkhand	30	30	0
10	Karnataka	9	7	2
11	Kerala	19	7	12
12	Madhya Pradesh	14	6	8
13	Maharashtra	13	7	6
14	Manipur	44	10	34
15	Meghalaya	6	3	3
16	Mizoram	28	7	21
17	Nagaland	17	13	4
18	Odisha	34	30	4
19	Rajasthan	3	1	2
20	Sikkim	2	1	1
21	Tamil Nadu	76	52	24
22	Telangana	35	7	28
23	Tripura	16	4	12
24	Uttar Pradesh	76	35	41
25	Uttrakhand	3	1	2
26	West Bengal	39	9	30
	Total	766	399	367
