

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 393
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2025

HANDLOOM CLUSTERS

393. SHRI RAVINDRA SHUKLA ALIAS RAVI KISHAN:

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

- (a) the number of handloom and handicraft clusters benefitting from Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) in Gorakhpur;
- (b) the funds allocated/utilised for the development of textile parks and clusters in Gorakhpur under this scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has provided marketing and skill development support to artisans and weavers in the district and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the infrastructure and working conditions of handloom weavers in Gorakhpur; and
- (e) the overall economic impact of the scheme on the local handloom and handicraft industry in Gorakhpur?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिता)
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) & (b): The Government is implementing Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP) to provide the industry with state of the art infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units. The scheme aims to create new parks of international standards as potential growth centres. Under SITP no handloom and handicraft parks and clusters has been sanctioned in Gorakhpur.

In addition, under Cluster Development Programme, component of National Handloom Development Programme need based financial assistance is provided for implementation of various interventions like product & design development, upgraded looms/accessories, solar lighting units, worksheds, etc. across the country including Gorakhpur on receipt of complete proposals from concerned State/UT Government. Under this Scheme, financial assistance of Rs.31.16 lakh has been released/utilized for one handloom cluster in Gorakhpur covering 196 handloom weavers.

Further, under National Handicraft Development Programme, financial support of Rs.282.95 lakh has been provided for benefitting 1,200 artisans in 04 handicraft clusters in Gorakhpur district.

(c) to (e): In order to improve the technical infrastructure and working conditions of weavers and artisans the following steps were taken:

- I. Skill development training in technical areas viz. weaving, dyeing, printing, designing etc. is conducted since 2020-21 under 'Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SAMARTH). 34 handloom weavers have been provided training in Gorakhpur district.
- II. Under Handloom Marketing Assistance, component of National Handloom Development Programme, marketing support is provided to eligible handloom agencies/weavers for organizing fairs and exhibitions for marketing of their products across the country including Gorakhpur on receipt of complete proposals from concerned State/UT Government. Two State Handloom expos, one in 2021-22 and another one in 2024-25 has been sanctioned in Gorakhpur district.
- III. Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) has organized 01 Gandhi Shilp Bazar in 2024-25. 05 Exhibitions, 15 Interventions i.e, Guru Shishya Hastshilp Prashikshan Program, Design & Technology Development Workshop and Comprehensive Skill Upgradation has organized from year 2021-22 to 2024-25 in Gorakhpur District.

Due to implementation of these Handloom and Handcraft Schemes, the overall economic impact has led to an increase in earnings and the number of working days of the weavers/artisans in all over India including Gorakhpur district.
