LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4122 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2025

PROGRAMMES FOR TEXTILES WORKERS

4122. SHRI P P CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) the specific measures that are being taken to promote Rajasthan's traditional textiles and handicrafts in international markets, particularly the block prints, tie-dye techniques and handloom products that represent India's rich cultural heritage;
- (b) whether any initiatives have been implemented to stabilize raw material costs for artisans and textile clusters in Rajasthan, if so, the manner in which these measures are benefiting small weavers and craftspeople;
- (c) whether any special skill development programs have been designed to help Rajasthan's textile workers adapt to changing global market demands, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any success stories have emerged from Rajasthan's textile sector in terms of export growth and international recognition, if so, the details thereof?

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(a) & (b): Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) is implementing National Handicrafts Development Programme and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme on pan India basis. Under these schemes, support to artisans is provided through marketing support, skill development by means of Design programme, training programs, cluster development, direct benefit to artisans, infrastructure and technology support and assistance through Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana.

Further, Office of Development Commissioner (Handloom) is implementing National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme on pan India basis. Under these schemes, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, procurement of upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, skilling, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme, scholarships and social security etc.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Textiles is implementing Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SAMARTH) on pan India basis. It provides demand driven, placement oriented National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) compliant skilling programme to supplement the efforts of the industry in creating jobs in the organized textile and related sectors, covering the textile value chain, excluding Spinning and Weaving in organized sector, through entry level and upskilling courses.
