LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5036 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025

INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY IN HANDLOOM SECTOR

5036. MRS RUCHI VIRA:

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

- (a) whether the weaver handloom industry sector in Uttar Pradesh has come to a stands still due to the arbitrary and discriminatory behaviour of the officials of NHDC Limited, Lucknow;
- (b) if so, whether any policy related steps has been taken recently to increase productivity in the weaver handloom industry sector, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether under the yarn supply scheme being given to the weaver handloom industry considered to implement the 15% subsidy and yarn supply in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and
- (d) the steps taken to promote and improve the weaver handloom industry in Uttar Pradesh including Moradabad Parliamentary Constituency?

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

- (a) to (c): Ministry of Textiles is making available all types of yarn to eligible handloom weavers across the country including Uttar Pradesh under Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) to facilitate regular supply of basic raw materials to provide relief to weavers engaged in handloom activity. The details of assistance being provided under RMSS are as follows: -
 - Freight reimbursement for transportation of yarn.
 - Operating expenses of yarn depots.
 - 15% price subsidy on hank yarn (cotton hank, domestic silk, woolen, linen and blended yarn of natural fibres with quantity restrictions)

Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) in the State of Uttar Pradesh is being implemented through National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC) Ltd Regional Office, Varanasi. The details of yarn supply made by Regional Office, Varanasi under RMSS are as follows: -

Year	Yarn Supply Value under RMSS Uttar Pradesh (Rs. in lakhs)
2024-25 (up to Feb 25)	1,065
2023-24	1,309
2022-23	1,474
2021-22	868
2020-21	642
Total	5,358

(d): Ministry of Textiles is implementing central sector schemes such as (i) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and (ii) Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) to promote handlooms and for welfare of handloom weavers across the country including Moradabad Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh. 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, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme and social security etc.
