LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.*280 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2015

'FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PRIMARY HANDLOOM WEAVERS COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES'

*280: SHRIMATI RITA TARAI:

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

- (a) the number of Primary Weavers' Cooperative Societies available in the country;
- (b) whether the initiatives taken for the development of Handlooms have shown encouraging results in the textile sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof for each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted to evaluate the availability of requisite resources of the societies to meet their requirement; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including providing financial assistance to these Societies?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार) MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*280 DUE FOR ANSWERE ON 17.12.2015

- (a) As per the information available, there were 44 Apex Weavers Co-operative Societies (AWCS) and 15,926 Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies (PWCS) in the country in year 2011-12. State-wise list is at **Annexure-I.**
- **(b)** & (c): Yes Madam. The initiatives taken for the development of Handloom through implementation of various schemes have shown encouraging results. The following are the findings of the evaluation study of schemes implemented in cluster development programmes during 11th Five Year Plan:
 - Productivity (units per day) increased by 37%.
 - Average monthly income of weavers up by 31%.
 - Working days in a year up by10%.
 - Working capital available on average for each weaver increased by 37%.
 - Sales increase by 39%.

Number of clusters State-wise covered in the study is at Annexure – II.

- (d) & (e): Yes Madam. To meet out the requirements of the societies by way of debt restructuring and adequate flow of credit at cheaper rate Revival, Reform and Restructuring (RRR) package has been implemented. The RRR package included:
 - a) One time waiver of overdue loans and interest (100% Principal and 25% interest) of viable and potentially viable handloom cooperative societies and individual weavers as on 31st March, 2010,
 - b) Recapitalization assistance to eligible handloom cooperative societies,
 - c) Provision of fresh subsidized credit to handloom cooperative societies and weavers covered by waiver by providing interest subsidy of 3% for a period of 3 years for fresh loan with credit guarantee and
 - d) Carrying out legal and institutional reforms for the cooperative societies.

The statutory audit of societies was carried out by the States under RRR package. The statutory audit reports were examined by the special team of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Banks to assess the claims admissible. A total of 39 APEX Weaver Cooperative Societies and 9642 Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies have been benefitted under the package from across the country. The State wise details indicating the number of beneficiaries and assistance approved under RRR package is at Annexure – III.

Annexure-I State-wise Status of Apex Weavers Co-operative Societies (AWCS) and Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies (PWCS) across the country

S.		Total Nos. of Apex Weavers Co-operative	Total Nos. of Primary Weavers Co-operative
No.	State Name	Societies (AWCS)	Societies (PWCS)
1	Andhra Pradesh	1	1266
2	Arunachal Pradesh	-	0
3	Assam	1	1896
4	Bihar	5	1089
5	Chhattisgarh	1	158
6	Delhi	-	105
7	Gujarat	2	340
8	Haryana	-	318
9	Himachal Pradesh	1	372
10	Jammu and Kashmir	2	226
11	Jharkhand	1	157
12	Karanataka	3	532
13	Kerala	1	430
14	Madhya Pradesh	-	201
15	Maharashtra	4	665
16	Manipur	1	2090
17	Meghalya		
18	Mizoram	1	173
19	Nagaland		
20	Orissa	1	516
21	Pondicherry		
22	Punjab	1	11
23	Rajasthan	1	215
24	Sikkim	-	1
25	Tamil Nadu	1	1034
26	Tripura		
27	Uttar Pradesh	15	1806
28	Uttarakhand	-	118
29	West Bengal	1	2207
	Total	44	15,926

Annexure - II State wise cluster selected for evaluation

Sl. No.	State	Number of Selected Clusters		
1	Andhra Pradesh	4		
2	Assam	2		
	Himachal			
3	Pradesh	1		
4	Jharkhand	3		
5	Karnataka	2		
6	Kerala	2		
7	Madhya Pradesh	2		
8	Manipur	3		
9	Nagaland	2		
10	Orissa	3		
11	Tamil Nadu	4		
12 Uttar Pradesh		4		
13	West Bengal	3		
	TOTAL	35		

 $\label{eq:Annexure-III}$ State-wise number of beneficiaries and assistance approved under RRR package.

Name of the State	Total Coverage upto 28.02.14) (Under phase-I & phase-II), under the RRR package.					
	APEX Primary Weaver Cooperative Societies	Primary Weaver Cooperative Societies	Self Help Groups	Individual Weavers	Implementation Monitoring Review Committee (Rs in crore)	
Andhra Pradesh	1	498	0	7738	200.26	
Telangana		165	0	2963		
Assam	1	1616	475	2533	46.76	
Bihar	1	123	0	1705	5.61	
Chhattisgarh	1	154	0	194	12.60	
Delhi	4	117	0	0	2.02	
Gujarat	2	199	0	419	8.57	
Haryana	0	2	0	69	0.36	
Himachal Pradesh	2	171	26	370	10.66	
J & K	2	105	0	112	3.18	
Jharkhand	0	59	0	369	3.54	
Karnataka	1	219	2	656	9.37	
Kerala	1	360	896	1117	210.66	
Madhya Pradesh	0	68	2	278	2.81	
Maharashtra	1	409	0	0	10.45	
Manipur	1	1640	1107	507	30.80	
Meghalaya	0	0	0	24	0.09	
Mizoram	1	124	0	51	4.39	
Odisha	2	430	2636	10884	128.91	
Puducherry	1	8	0	0	3.52	
Rajasthan	1	43	11	216	8.11	
Sikkim	0	1	0	0	0.08	
Tamil Nadu	1	718	101	520	147.72	
Tripura	0	18	0	3	1.25	
Uttarakhand	0	63	2	47	2.58	
Uttar Pradesh	14	1876	1005	21964	108.94	
West Bengal	1	456	47	1487	126.65	
Total	39	9642	6310	54226	1089.90	
