

SCHEMES FOR WEAVER SOCIETIES

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

- a) the details of the schemes being implemented or proposed to be implemented for promoting weaver societies in financially backward areas ;
- b) whether any commission has been/is being set up for conducting study on Indian traditional weaver societies ; and
- c) if so, the details and status thereof ?

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ANSWER

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(a) For the sustainable development of handloom sector and to improve the working conditions of handloom weavers including promoting weaver societies in financially backward areas, the following schemes are under implementation during 12th Plan:

1. National Handloom Development Programme- two components:
 - (i) Revival, Reform and Restructuring (RRR) Package for handloom sector
 - (ii) Comprehensive Handlooms Development Scheme
2. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme- two components:
 - (i) Health Insurance Scheme for access to health care facilities
 - (ii) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana for life insurance
3. Yarn Supply Scheme
4. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

The details of schemes are given in **Annexure-I**.

(b) & (c): No such commission has been/is being set up for conducting study on Indian traditional weaver societies.

Details of schemes under implementation for Handloom Sector**1. NATIONAL HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) is being implemented as a centrally sponsored programme for development of handlooms, having following components:-

a. Revival, Reform & Restructuring (RRR) package for the handloom sector

RRR package covers waiver of overdue loan 100% principal and 25% of interest as on 31/3/2010 and recapitalization assistance of eligible apex and primary weavers of the cooperative societies & individual weavers and also provides fresh loan at 6% interest rate along with credit guarantee for 3 years. The RRR Package was approved for implementation upto 28.02.2014. For providing access to subsidized term loan as well as working capital loan to handloom weavers not covered under loan waiver package, Government has approved Concessional Credit Component. The loan is sanctioned to weavers at 6% interest and GoI interest subvention is max.7% and to leverage the loan, Government provides margin money assistance upto Rs. 10,000 per weaver and credit guarantee through Credit guarantee Trust Fund for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE).

b. Comprehensive Handlooms Development scheme (CHDS)

CHDS has been formulated by merging the components of Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS), Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme (MEPS) and Diversified Handloom Development Scheme (DHDS), implemented during the 11th Plan. Sub-components of the CHDS are as follows:-

- i. Development of handloom clusters of different sizes
- ii. Consolidation of existing handloom clusters in 2 years
- iii. Group Approach Projects
- iv. Marketing Incentive
- v. Organizing handloom exhibitions, both in India and abroad for marketing of handloom products
- vi. Strengthening of handloom organizations/institutions
- vii. Handloom Census
- viii. Publicity, monitoring, supervision, training and evaluation of the scheme

2. HANDLOOM WEAVERS COMPREHENSIVE WELFARE SCHEME

This scheme has 2 components namely Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY). The HIS aims at enabling the weaver community to access healthcare facilities. The scheme covers not only the weaver but the spouse and two children. It also provides outpatient (OP) treatment facility. On the other hand, MGBBY aims to provide insurance cover to handloom weavers in the case of natural as well as accidental death and in cases of total or partial disability. A scholarship of Rs.300/- per quarter per child subject to two children studying in standard IX to XII is also provided under MGBBY. Health Insurance Scheme has been discontinued w.e.f. 30.09.2014 and now the scheme is implemented by Ministry of Labour & Employment on Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) platform.

3. YARN SUPPLY SCHEME (YSS)

This scheme makes available all types of yarn at Mill Gate Price to the eligible handloom agencies and the transport and depot operating expenses are being borne by the Government of India. Further, to provide the subsidized yarn to handloom weavers in order to compete with powerloom and mill sector, a new component of 10% price subsidy on cotton hank yarn, domestic silk yarn and woollen yarn is also provided.

4. COMPREHENSIVE HANDLOOM CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Mega handloom cluster covers 25,000 handlooms and is developed at an upper GoI share of Rs.70.00 crore each in a period of 5 years. So far, eight mega handloom clusters at Varanasi, Sivasagar, Murshidabad, Godda, Virudhnagar, Prakasham, Trichy and Bhagalpur have been taken up for development in handloom sector.