

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.05.2016

FACILITIES TO WEAVERS

*161. SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified the various hardships faced by the weavers in powerloom and handloom sectors, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the basic modern facilities are provided to handloom and powerloom weavers for the development of handloom and powerloom sectors in the country;
- (c) if so, the details of the such facilities provided to them during 2014 and 2015; and
- (d) whether any relief was also provided to them during the above period and if so, the details thereof?

उत्तर

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 (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*161 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 05.05.2016

(a): Yes, Madam. There are approximately 63 lakh weavers / workers who are in the unorganized powerloom sector. The problems faced by the weavers / workers in the powerloom sector include:-

- (i) Lack of modernisation - vast majority of the looms are plain shuttle looms with obsolete technology;
- (ii) Lack of adequate production infrastructure like worksheds, etc.;
- (iii) Weak financial strength of the units with majority having less than 4 looms and thus low credit worthiness;
- (iv) Dependence on middle-men for orders since majority of the units work on job-work basis; and
- (v) Fluctuating input costs like yarn, etc.

Handloom weavers face hardship mainly due to dilution of quality standards such as colour fastness, inability to upgrade products to meet changing consumer preferences, poor access to credit for working capital, weak marketing linkages and low coverage of social security.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. In order to overcome the problems faced by powerloom units, Government has launched various schemes for supporting the powerloom sector:-
i) Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for upgradation of technology; ii) In-situ Upgradation Scheme for plain powerlooms; iii) Group Worksheds Scheme for giving assistance for constructing workshed for powerloom sector; and iv) Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD) extending assistance for marketing support in the form of Buyer Seller Meet, Yarn Bank, setting up of facility for Common Facility Centre organising Seminar/ Workshop, etc. In addition, social security is also provided to powerloom weavers and workers under the Group Insurance Scheme.

Handloom, being a State subject, its development is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been supplementing the efforts of the States with its policy of promoting and encouraging handloom sector through suitable interventions. Handloom clusters are being supported for comprehensive development through loom upgradation, skill upgradation, supply of good quality raw material, provision of services of professional designers, marketing assistance etc. India Handloom Brand has been launched to assure consumers about quality of handloom products. Credit is being provided on concessional terms. Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) Scheme has also been adopted for enhanced credit. Marketing is being promoted through e-commerce. Social security schemes have been streamlined.

Details of handloom clusters taken up, raw material supply by National Handloom Development Corporation, e-commerce platforms engaged in year 2014-15 and 2015-16 at **Annexure-I**.

(d): The details of financial assistance provided by the Government under the powerloom sector schemes during 2014-15 and 2015-16 are given in **Annexure-II**.

The Government is providing relief to handloom weavers through marketing incentive, freight reimbursement and subsidy on supply of yarns, and interest subvention along with margin money & credit guarantee on credit through Weavers' Credit Card. Details of marketing incentive provided, yarn subsidy and freight reimbursement and loan sanctioned through Weavers' Credit Cards during 2014-15 and 2015-16 at **Annexure-III**.

Annexure-I

Details of State-wise Cluster sanctioned during 2015-16			
S. No.	States	S. No.	Name of the Block Clusters & Distt.
1	Andhra Pradesh	1	Tilaru, Srikakulam Distt.
		2	Mori, Godavari Distt.
		3	A.Vemavaram, West Godavari
			Prakasam District
		4	Vetapalem
		5	Chenethapuri - Nayunipalli
		6	Desaipeta East
		7	Desaipeta West
		8	Ramannapeta
		9	Padinllapalli
		10	Epurupalem East
		11	Epurupalem West
		12	Epurupalem South
		13	Chirala-I (Thotavaripalem)
		14	Chirala-II(Chirala)
		15	Chirala-III (Devangapuri)
		16	Chirala - IV (Ramakrishnapuram)
		17	Kothapatnam
		18	Martur
		19	Papaipalle - Kanigiri
			Guntur District
		20	Repalle
		21	Ilavaram
		22	Cherkupalli
		23	Ponnuru
		24	Tenali
		25	Bhattiprolu
		26	Mangalariri - I
		27	Mangalariri - II
		28	Mangalariri - III
		29	Mangalariri - IV
		30	Mangalariri - V
		31	Chilakaluripeta
		32	Phirangipuram
33	Narasaraopeta		
34	Sattenapalli		
2	Bihar	1	Dehri, Rohtas Distt.
3	Chhattisgarh	1	Balod, Balod Distt.
		2	Baloda, Janjgir Champa Distt.
		3	Navgarh, Janjgir Champa Distt.
		4	Chhuriya, Rajnandgaon Distt.
		5	Dabhara, Janjgir Champa Distt.
		6	Bamindih, Janjgir Champa Distt.
4	Himachal Pradesh	1	Village suma dev. Block kullu, Kullu Distt.
		2	Seraj, Mandi Distt.
		3	Inner Seraj, Kullu Distt.
5	Kerala	1	Paravur Block, Eranakulam Distt.
		2	Koothuparambu Block, Kannur Distt.
		3	Kanthirotode, Edakkad Block, Kannur Distt.
		4	Kollayil (Perumkadavila) Block, Thiruvananthapuram Distt.

6	Madhya Pradesh	1	Vikas Khand, Mandsaur Distt.
		2	Vikas Khand Sarangpur, Rajgarh Distt.
		3	Vikas Khand Waraseoni, Balaghat
		4	Meheshwar Kasrawad, Dhargone Distt.
		5	Jobat, Alirajpur Distt.
7	Jharkhand		Sahibganj District
		1	Sahebganj
		2	Mandro-1,
		3	Mandro-2
		4	Taljhari & Pathna
		5	Borio-1
		6	Borio-2
			Jamtara District
		7	Karmatanr
			Godda District
		8	Mahgama-1
		9	Mahgama-2
		10	Godda-2
		11	Godda-3
		12	Thakurghanti-1
		13	Thakurghanti-2
		14	Thakurghanti-3
		15	Thakurghanti-4
			Deoghar District
		16	Mohanpur
		17	Madhupur
		18	Deoghar
19	Devipur		
	Dumka District		
20	Jarmundi & Kathikund,		
21	Dumka		
22	Saraiyahaat		
8	Jammu & Kashmir	1	Lohari Malhar, Kathua distt.
		2	North Srinagar, Srinagar Distt
9	Orissa	1	Tigiria, Cuttack Distt.
		2	Rasulpur, Jajpur Distt.
		3	Boudh, Boudh Distt.
		4	Sonepur, Suibrapur Distt.
		5	Khaira, Balasore Distt.
		6	Sheragada, Ganjam Distt.
		7	Sohella, Bargarh Distt.
		8	Oupada, Balasore Distt.
		9	Bheden, Bargarh Distt.
		10	Gaisilat, Bargarh Distt.
		11	Bijepur, Bargarh Distt.
		12	Barpali, Bargarh Distt.
		13	Bargarh, Bargarh Distt.
		14	Ghasipura, Keonjhar Distt.

		15	Ambabhaona, Bargarh Distt.
		16	Attabira, Bargarh Distt.
		17	Patnagarh, Balangir Distt.
		18	Binka, Subarnapur Distt.
		19	Bargarh, Bargarh Distt.
10	Tamilnadu	1	West Arni, Thiruvannamalai
		2	Palladam, Tirupur
		3	Kancheepuram, Kancheepuram
		4	Karamadai – I, Mettupalayam
		5	Ayothiyappatinam, Salem
		6	Chennimalai, Erode
		7	Tirrupur, Tirupur
		8	Paramakudi, Ramanathapuram
		9	Kurunthancode, Kanyakumari
		10	Pollachi North, Coimbatore
		11	Athoor, Dindigul Distt.
		12	Dindigul-1, Dindigul Distt.
		13	Dindigul-2, Dindigul Distt.
		14	Palani, Dindigul
		15	Aravakurichy, karur Distt.
		16	Thanthoni, Karur Distt.
		17	Karur - 2, Karur Distt.
		18	Musiri, Thiruchirappalli Distt.
		19	Thottiyam, Trichy Distt.
		20	Thiruvidadaimarudhur-1, Thanjavur Distt.
		21	Thiruppanandal, Thanjavur
		22	AMMAPETTAI, THANJAVUR DISTT.
		23	ANDIMADAM, ARIYALUR DISTT.
		24	THATHAIYANGARPETTAI, TRICHY DISTT.
		25	KARUR-1, KARUR DISTT.
		26	THOPPAMPATY, DINDIGUL DISTT.
		27	Thiruvidadaimarudhur-2, Distt. Thanjavur
		28	Thiruvidadaimarudhur -3, Distt. -Thanjavur
		29	Jayakondam, Distt. -Ariyalur
		30	T. Pazhur, Distt. –Ariyalur
		31	Sendurai, Distt. –Ariyalur
		32	Mannargudi, Distt.– Tiruvarur
11	Telangana	1	Aler, Nalgonda Distt.
		2	Kamalapur, Karimnagar Distt.
12	Uttar Pradesh	1	Gangiri, Aligarh
		2	Khairabad Avadh, Sitapur Distt.
		3	Thakurdwara, Muradabad Distt.
		4	Mangalpur, Kashi Vidyapeeth Block, Varanasi Distt.
13	Uttarakhand	1	Didihaat, Pithoragarh Distt.
14	West Bengal	1	Cooch Behar Block-II, Cooch Behar

	NER		
1	Arunachal Pradesh	1	Ziro - I, Lower Subansiri Distt.
		2	Naharlagun, Papumpare Distt.
2	Assam	1	Rampur, Kamrup Distt.
		2	Kathalguri, Golaghat Distt.
		3	Kokrajhar, BTC Distt.
		4	Tumulpur, Baksa Distt.
		5	Kajiamati, Udalguri Distt.
		6	Rowta, Udalguri
		7	Mochkhowa, Dhemaji
		8	Bhawanipur, Barpeta Distt.
3	Manipur	1	Wangoi, Imphal west Distt.
		2	Thoubal, Thoubal Distt.
		3	Singhat, Churachandpur Distt.
		4	Bishnupur, Bishnupur Distt.
		5	Keirao Bitra, Imphal East distt
		6	Machi Block, Chandel distt.
		7	Nungba, Tamenglong distt.
		8	Lungchong Maiphei, Ukhrul Distt.
		9	Saitu Gamphazol, Senapati Distt.
		10	Haorang Sabal, Imphal West Distt.
4	Mizoram	1	Tlangnuam - I (Zuangtui), Aizawl Distt.
		2	Tlangnuam -II , Aizawl Distt.
		3	Aibawk, Aizawl Distt.
		4	Reiek, Mamit Distt.
		5	Serchhip, Serchhip Distt.
		6	Ngopa, Champhai Distt.
		7	Zobawk, Lunglei Distt.
5	Nagaland	1	Kuhuboto, Dimapur Distt.
		2	Longkhim, Tuensang Distt.
		3	Tsurangkong, Mokokchung Distt.
		4	Mangkolemba 'A' Mokokchung Distt.
		5	Medziphema (west), Dimapur Distt.
6	Meghalaya	1	Umling, Ri-Bhoi Distt.
		2	Betasing, West Garo Hills Distt.
		3	Tikrikilla, West Garo Hills
7	Sikkim	1	Tingvong, North Sikkim Distt.
8	Tripura	1	Hezamara R.D., West Tripura
		2	Durgachowmohani R.D., Kamalpur Dhalai Distt.
		3	Chandipur R.D. Kailashahar, Unakoti Distt.
Grand Total		175	

Details of State-wise Cluster sanctioned during 2014-15			
S. No.	States	S. No.	Name of the Clusters
1	Jammu & Kashmir	1	Udhampur, Distt. Udhampur.
2	Karnataka	1	Kondhalli Woolen Cluster, Distt. Chitradurga.
		2	Sulebhavi Handloom Cluster, Distt-Bagalkot.
3	Tamilnadu	1	Ananthapuram, Distt. Villapuram
		2	Korukkathur, Distt-Thiruvannamalai
		3	Kanjampatty, Distt. Coimbatore
		4	Selvarajpet, Dist Salem.
		5	K.V. Kuppam, Distt. Vellore.
		6	Savakkattualayam DR MGR, Erode Distt.
		7	Gowri, Distt. Theni
		8	Veeraasamy Nagar, Dist. Coimbatore
		9	Sri Sowdeswari, Distt. Tiruppur.
4	Uttar Pradesh	1	Shyamnagar Sujatganj Distt- Kanpur
		2	Nirdharn Bunkar Cluster Moh. Kajitola (Mirjapur) Malawan Distt- Hardoi
		3	Rampur, Bhawanipur Distt, Barabanki
		4	Chunnar Distt. Mirzapur.
	G. Total	16	

Details of e-commerce agencies engaged for promotion of e-marketing of handloom products during 2014-15 and 2015-16

Sl. No.	Name of Agency	OM No. & date	Area of operation	Concern WSC
1	M/s.Flipkart Internet Pvt.Ltd (FLIPKART) Vaishanvi Summit, No.6/B, 7 th Main, 80 Feet Road, 3 rd Block, Koramangala Industrial Layout, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034, Karnataka Kinshus@flipkart.com Shri Kinshu Sinha – 09686997134	MOU signed between DC(HL) and Flipkart on 25.08.2014	Varanasi	Varanasi
2	M/s. 'Weavesmart' Online Services , MIG 172, KPHB colony, Hyderabad, Telangana. Shri N. Nishit - 09248876992 info@weavesmart.com	26.10.2015	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana	Hyderabad
3	M/s. ebay India Pvt. Ltd. A Wing, 6 th floor, Statesman House, 148, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001 Shri Sanchit Khanna 9911657898 sankhanna@ebay.com	03.11.2015	Varanasi, Barabanki, Kota, Kannur, Bijnour, Kullu	Varanasi, Jaipur, Kannur, Meerut, Kullu
4	M/s. Crafts Villa Handicrafts Pvt. Ltd. , 1502, G Wing, Lotus Corporate Park, Goregaon East, Mumbai-400063 Shri Himanshu -022-61570800 himanshu.wardhan@craftsvilla.com	15.01.2016	Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Odissa	Mumbai, Indore, Bhubaneshwar
5	M/s. Pegarse Technologies Pvt. Ltd. , 2/1, Trikuta, 8 th A Main, Sampangirama Ngar, Bangalore-560027 Shri Vineeth 09844186555 vineeth@pegarse.com	15.01.2016	Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala	Varanasi, Chennai, Kannur
6	M/s. GoCoop Solutions & Services Pvt. Ltd. , CA Site No: 1, HAL 3 rd Stage, Kodihalli, Behind Leela Palace, Bangalore-560002 Siva.devireddy@GoCoop.com info@GoCoop.com 09900036731	15.01.2016	Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Kota	Indore, Bhubaneshwar, Chennai, Jaipur
7.	M/s. Gaatha Handicraft Pvt.Ltd , 1 Ranjan Apartment, Vashwakunj Char Rasta, Paldi, Ahmedabad-380007, Gujarat. himanshu@gaatha.com 08884544800	10.03.2016	West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka.	Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangaluru
8.	M/s. Seniorita Creations (P). Ltd , 19, Canal South Road, SDE-2, Block-B, 4 th floor, Kolkata-700015, West Bengal. ankit@sareez.com 09830035133	10.03.2016	West Bengal and further in all other States at all India level.	All WSCs
9.	M/s. Amazon Seller Services Private Ltd. , #26/1, Brigade Gateway, World Trade Centre, 8 th Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bangalore-560055, Karnataka.	31.03.2016	Kota (Rajasthan), Nadia (west Begal), Bargarh (Orissa), Bijoy Nagar (Assam)	Jaipur, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati.

**The details of financial assistance given under Powerloom Sector Schemes
during 2014-15 and 2015-16**

(Rs.in crore)

Name of the scheme	Financial Assistance given	
	2014-15	2015-16
Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector	22.28	16.18
In-Situ Upgradation Scheme for Plain Powerloom	9.98	59.185
Group Workshed Scheme	16.40	20.070
Group Insurance Scheme	3.90	6.620
Margin Money Subsidy Scheme under TUFs/ATUFs	130.00	165.98
Comprehensive Powerloom Cluster Development Scheme	-	4.110
Total	182.56	272.145

Annexure-III

**Statement showing release of Marketing Incentives to the State Government
during 2014-15 and 2015-16**

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2014-15	2015-16	Total Amount Released
		Amount Released	Amount Released	
01	Tamil Nadu	471.35	4072.00	4543.35
02	Uttar Pradesh	1801.33	0	1801.33
	Total :	2272.69	4072.00	6344.68

Status of issuance of Weavers' Credit Cards

Year	Number of WCC issued	Loan amount sanctioned (Rs. in crores)	Loan amount disbursed (Rs. in crores)
2014-15	79,210	233.53	100.69
2015-16	48,282	147.12	107.14
TOTAL	1,27,492	380.65	207.83

YARN SUPPLY SCHEME (YSS)

- The Scheme is implemented by NHDC :Broadly the Scheme has two types of subsidies/reimbursement to weaver agencies and weavers and service charges to NHDC, which is given to NHDC by Government of India for implementing the Scheme. The same are given below.

(A)

- NHDC reimburses the freight of yarn supplied to the weavers agencies/societies etc. etc. for the total quantity supplied by them
- 2% of the value of yarn supplied, depot operating charges is also given to the weaver agencies procuring yarn from NHDC and is applicable to the entire quantity of yarn supplied other than the quantity supplied to individual weavers and agencies directly by NHDC from their warehouses.
- 2% of the value of total yarn supplied is given as service charges to NHDC

(B)

- Apart from above, out of total quantity of yarn supplied by NHDC 10% subsidy on limited quantity is given as below :

Cotton (upto 40s counts)	-	30 kgs./loom/month
Cotton (above 40s counts)	-	10 kgs./loom/month
Silk Yarn	-	4 kgs./loom/month
Woollen Yarn (below 10s NM)	-	50 kgs./loom/month
Woollen Yarn (10s to 39.99s NM)	-	10 kgs./loom/month
Woollen Yarn (40s NM and above)	-	4 kgs./loom/month

- 0.5% service charge is given to NHDC of the value of yarn supplied under 10% component

The quantity supplied under YSS, 10% subsidy component, value thereof and the grant given by Government of India under various subsidies/service charges for the year 2014-15, 2015-16 is given below

Yarn Supply under Yarn Supply Scheme from 2014-15 onwards is as under:

Year	Quantity (lakh kg)	Value (Rs. In crores)	Grant From Govt. of India
2014-15	1484.30	2160.77	127.81
2015-16	1700	2358	321.96

Supplies under 10% Subsidy component of Yarn Supply scheme from 2014-15 onwards as follows:-

Year	Quantity (lakh kg)	Value (Rs. In crores)
2014-15	286.34	1026.83
2015-16	257	928
