

**WELFARE SCHEMES FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS**

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

- (a) the details of welfare schemes being implemented by the Government for handloom weavers at present in the country; and
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for welfare of handloom weavers during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise?

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**ANSWER**

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**(a):** Government of India has been implementing Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS) for Handloom Weavers with the following two components:

(i) **Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY):**

The basic objective of Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana is to provide insurance cover to the handloom weavers in the case of natural death (Rs.60,000/-), accidental death (Rs.1,50,000/-), total disability (Rs.1,50,000/-) and partial disability (Rs.75,000/-).

In addition to above, a scholarship of Rs.300/- per quarter per child is available to students studying in IX to XII standard for a maximum period of four years or till they complete XII standard, whichever event occurs earlier. The benefit is restricted to two children of the member covered.

(ii) **Health Insurance Scheme(HIS):**

In 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan, the Government approved implementation of Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) on Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) pattern of Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE). RSBY has been transferred to Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued detail instructions on 29<sup>th</sup> March,2016 for coverage of handloom weavers in RSBY for 2016-17 in the existing pattern of RSBY i.e. Indoor Patient (I.P.) benefits of Rs.30,000/-.

**(b):** State wise funds are not allocated/released under these Schemes. Funds allocated/released on whole country basis, funds released & utilized under both the components during the last three year and current year is given as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

| Year    | HIS           |               | MGBBY         |               |
|---------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|         | Fund released | Fund Utilized | Fund released | Fund Utilized |
| 2013-14 | 49.21         | 49.21         | 16.63         | 16.63         |
| 2014-15 | 25.87         | 25.87         | 16.39         | 16.39         |
| 2015-16 | 01.94         | 01.94         | 16.67         | 16.67         |
| 2016-17 | 6.63          | 06.63         | -             | -             |