

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2232  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023

NIOS UNDER NHDP PROGRAMME

2232. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

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

- (a) whether National Institutes of Open Schooling (NIOS) are to be established under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) for providing education to handloom weavers through open school and distance learning in handloom related subjects, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to establish such institutes in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for handloom census under the National Handloom Development Programme being conducted by a third-party and not by the States?

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ANSWER  
वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती दर्शना जरदोश)  
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

**(a) & (b):** There is no provision for establishing National Institutes of Open Schooling (NIOSs) across the country including the State of Tamilnadu, under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP). However, the guidelines provide for subsidy in fee for SC, ST, BPL and women handloom workers & their children for the admission in open schooling courses related to handloom subjects i.e. Design Development, Handloom Weaving, Dyeing and Printing, Fibre to Fabric and Entrepreneurship etc.

**(c):** Centralized Nationwide 4<sup>th</sup> Handloom Census on uniform parameters was conducted through a third party, by door to door Survey of the households and non-households weaving units in association with the respective State Governments/UTs for verification & validation of data collected during the Survey.

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