

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Handloom Development Centres have been set up with the grants received from the Center to provide benefits to the weavers of Maharashtra State;
- (b) if so, the district-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken measures for the all round development of the handloom sector especially in districts which are famous for Paithni Sari; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b) The Government of Maharashtra had been sanctioned funds to the tune of Rs.85.865 lakh to set up 20 Handloom Development Centers in the following districts:-

S.No. Name of the District No. of HDCs to be set up

1	Amravati	1
2	Bhandara	2
3	Nagpur	5
4	Sangali	1
5	Solapur	11

The scheme was introduced in the year 1993-94 and continued upto 31.3.1997. The committed liabilities under the scheme were entertained upto 1.4.2002. As per the guidelines of the scheme, the societies who were sanctioned the projects, were required to cover 250 looms, 1000 weavers and enhance the Cash Credit Limit (CCL) of the order of Rs.17.00 lakh. Since the implementing agencies could not attain the above targets, 2nd instalment could not be released by 1.4.2002.

(c) & (d) The Government of India has been implementing various schemes /programmes for the overall development of the handloom sector of the Country, including the State of Maharashtra which are as under:-

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.
2. Handloom Export Scheme
3. Marketing Promotion Programme.
4. Design Development & Training Programme.
5. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.
6. Health Package Scheme
- 7 Thrift Fund Scheme.
8. Bunkar Bima Yojana.

9. New Insurance Scheme.
10. Mill Gate Price Scheme.
11. Integrated Handloom Training Programme

As reported by the State Government of Maharashtra, a Cluster Development Programme on Paithani weaving in Yeola in Nasik district has been taken-up to generate new employment to the Paithani weavers under the aegis of National Programme for Rural Industrialisation by the NABARD.