

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:488  
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SCHEMES FOR HANDLOOM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the schemes being implemented for the development of handloom sector/handloom weavers during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) the number of proposals received from the State Governments under each scheme during the last three years and the amount allocated and released thereunder, State-wise;
- (c) the amount utilized by each State Government under these schemes during the said period; and
- (d) the number of weavers benefited and the number of handloom units modernized under these schemes till date, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.488 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.4.2010

(a): The Government of India has been implementing the following Five Schemes for the overall development of Handloom weavers, all over the country,

**# Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme**

This scheme provides need based inputs to "Clusters" of 300-500 Handloom or "Groups" of 10-100 weavers for making them self-sustainable by providing them financial assistance for margin money, working capital, new looms and accessories, skill upgradation, marketing opportunities and for construction of workshed,

**# Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme**

This comprises of two separate schemes viz. the Health Insurance Scheme for providing Health Insurance to the Handloom weavers and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana for providing Life Insurance Cover in case of natural/ accidental death, total/partial disability due to accident.

**# Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme**

This scheme provides marketing opportunities and infrastructure support through design development and marketing linkages to assist in the sale of the Handloom products both in domestic and international market.

**# Mill Gate Price Scheme**

This scheme makes available all types of yarn at Mill Gate Price to the eligible handloom agencies to facilitate regular supply of basic raw material to the handloom weavers and to optimize their employment potential.

**# Diversified Handloom Development Scheme**

This scheme provides assistance for technological and skill upgradation of weavers for design and product development through 25 Weavers' Service Centres and 05 Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology all over the country to improve the productivity and earnings of the handloom weavers.

(b) to (d): Viable proposals which are in consonance with guidelines of the schemes, received from the State Governments and with the recommendation of State Level Project Implementation Committee, are considered for sanction and release of funds as follows:

(i) The funds are released directly to the State Governments under the Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme and Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme.

(ii) The funds are released directly to the respective implementing agencies (not to the State Governments) i.e. to Life Insurance Corporation of India under the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana and to Service Provider (Insurance Company) selected through a transparent process under the Health Insurance Scheme of the Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme and to

National Handloom Development Corporation under the Mill Gate Price Scheme.

Statement showing release of funds under different schemes, utilisation thereof, alongwith number of weavers benefited and handloom units modernised under Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme, during last three years, State-wise, is as per Annexure-A.