

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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REVIVAL OF HANDLOOM AND POWERLOOM INDUSTRY

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corporation of India (HHEC) has failed to come to the rescue of the large number of weavers because of the paucity of funds;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make HHEC more effective;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to revive the silk, handicraft/handloom and powerloom industry in the country particularly in Jammu & Kashmir and Vidarbha region of Maharashtra; and
- (d) the details of financial assistance being provided to each State for the revival of Handloom and Powerloom industry during each of the last three years, schemewise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

- (a): No, Madam. HHEC is a trading company. Based on the buyers' requirement, HHEC procures its material mostly from the weavers/clusters ensuring a fair return on the product. It has established procurement centres at the weavers' door-steps and ensures prompt payment.
- (b): The Government supports HHEC's marketing efforts by way of grant-in-aid for participation in international exhibitions for generation of export orders to be catered to by the large number of weavers.
- (c): In order to revive the silk, handicraft/handloom and powerloom industry in the country including Jammu & Kashmir and Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, Government is implementing several programmes and schemes such as Catalytic Development Programme (CDP) for Silk Sector; Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY), Marketing Support & Services, Design & Technical Upgradation, Research & Development, Human Resource Development, Handicraft Artisans' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme for Handicraft Sector; Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme, Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme, Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Diversified Handloom Development Scheme for Handloom Sector and Modified Group Workshed Scheme, Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme, Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector (having components of Marketing Development Programme, exposure visit of powerloom weavers to other clusters, survey of powerlooms, Powerloom Cluster Development and Development & Upgradation of skills) etc.
- (d) The details of State-wise and Scheme-wise funds released during the last three years under different Schemes of the Handloom Sector is annexed. In so far as Powerloom Sector is concerned, the Schemes are Central Sector Schemes for which assistance is not routed through the State Governments.