

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LOANS TO UNEMPLOYED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to provide loans to unemployed persons to promote 'Khadi';
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same is likely to be implemented; and
- (c) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMONARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b): The nodal Ministry for Khadi and Village Industries i.e. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), has reported that there is no such scheme under formulation at present.

(c): The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has been facilitating promotion and development of khadi through various schemes of financial assistance which inter-alia include the following:

- (i) Workshed Scheme for khadi Artisans for providing assistance for construction of worksheds for better work environment;
- (ii) Scheme for enhancing productivity & competitiveness of khadi Industries and Artisans by replacement of obsolete old machinery and equipment;
- (iii) Strengthening Infrastructure of existing Weak khadi Institutions and Assistance for Marketing Infrastructure;
- (iv) Incentivize production and sale of khadi and Polyvastra by introducing the new scheme of Market Development Assistance (MDA);
- (v) Funding from Asian Development Bank (ADB) to re-vitalise the khadi sector by implementing Khadi Research and Development Programme (KRDP);
- (vi) Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) for development of clusters inter-alia in khadi; and
- (vii) Product Development, Design Intervention & Packaging (PRODIP) for improved design and packaging of khadi garments.