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INTEGRATED HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has analysed the effectiveness of the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS) and Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and efforts made by the Government to make its success;
- (c) the aims and objectives of IHDS including number of clusters set up in the country along with number of beneficiaries, State-wise;
- (d) whether any financial assistance has been provided to the above clusters to become self-sufficient;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of Weavers Service Centres set up/proposed to be set up across the country during the Twelfth Five Year Plan, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh along with fund allocated/utilized for the purpose;

Answer

(MINISTER OF TEXTILES) (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b): The effectiveness of both the schemes i.e. Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme (IHDS) and Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme (M&EPS) has been evaluated by independent agencies, which revealed positive impact on the development of handloom sector. The evaluation report in respect of IHDS has observed increased productivity, earnings and number of working days in a year etc. Similarly, evaluation report of M&EPS has revealed increased publicity of handloom products, supported sales of handloom products in domestic and international markets and provided platform to handloom weavers eliminating middlemen etc. Both the reports have recommended continuation of these schemes, with or without modifications in the XII Plan. Suggestions for modifications in the schemes, wherever applicable and subject to availability of funds have been incorporated for their implementation in XII Plan.

(c): The main objectives of IHDS are to focus on formation of handloom weavers' groups in selected handloom clusters, to up-grade skills of weavers to produce diversified products with improved quality, to provide suitable workplace to improve productivity, to provide any other need based inputs specific to each cluster/group for becoming self- sustainable etc.

During XI Plan, 610 clusters have been sanctioned in the country, covering about 2.84 lakh weavers. A statement showing State-wise number of beneficiaries covered is at Annexure-I.

(d) & (e): Under the IHDS, an amount of Rs.213.54 crore has been released in XI Plan for the development of handloom clusters.

(f): 25 Weavers' Service Centres (WSCs), including one at Indore in Madhya Pradesh have been set up till XI Plan. In the Budget 2012-13, Hon'ble Finance Minister has announced for setting up of 3 new Weavers' Service Centres, one each in Mizoram, Nagaland and Jharkhand.

Annexure - I

Reply referred to in respect of Part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1132 for answer on 04.03.2013 regarding Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme

State-wise number of clusters sanctioned and beneficiary covered under Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme (IHDS) during 2007-08 to 2011-12

S. No.	State	Number of clusters sanctioned	Number of beneficiaries covered
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1 Andhra Pradesh 53 22704

2 Bihar 15 6067

3 Chhattisgarh 10 4146

4 Delhi 1 460

5 Gujarat 9 4245

6 Haryana 1 332

7 Himachal Pradesh 7 5361

8 Jammu & Kashmir 10 3470

9 Jharkhand 35 14291

10 Karnataka 23 21711

11 Kerala 24 9376

12 Madhya Pradesh 17 10414

13 Maharashtra 7 2515

14 Orissa 36 12057

15 Punjab 0 0

16 Rajasthan 6 3716

17 Tamilnadu 49 22676

18 Uttar Pradesh 50 25004

19 Uttarakhand 9 5040

20 West Bengal 39 16718

Sub-total (A) 401 190303

21 Arunachal Pradesh 22 14800

22 Assam 51 16224

23 Manipur 66 31265

24 Meghalaya 9 4247

25 Mizoram 2 696

26 Nagaland 34 16300

27 Sikkim 0 0

28 Tripura 25 10792

Sub-total (B) 209 94324

Total (A) + (B) 610 284627