

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SICK CLOSED HANDLOOM HANDICRAFT UNITS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick/closed handicrafts/handloom units during the last three years and the current year along with the steps taken to revive them and to provide employment;

(b) whether the handicrafts/handloom units requested the Government to provide financial assistance employment during the current Five Year Plan to make them world class competitor and if so, the response of the Government thereon;

(c) the fund allocated/spent under the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) to the workers of Public Sector Undertakings/private sectors during the last three years, State-wise along with policy, if any, formulated by the Government to impart training to the unemployed textile workers;

(d) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme where closure/partial closure has taken place including the number of applications pending and reasons for delay in sanctioning the relief under TWRFS, State-wise; and

(e) whether any scheme to provide job guarantee for the assistance of rural families living below poverty line in the backward areas of the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise including Maharashtra?

Answer

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

(a): Handloom/Handicraft sectors being unorganised and decentralised, most of the work done by artisans are in their house hold. Government does not maintain data regarding sick/closed handloom/handicraft units.

(b): Proposals are received from handicraft Units for upgradation of Technology which are considered by Government on merit basis. Government is also implementing following schemes for promotion of handicrafts:-

1. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hsatshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY);
2. Design and Technology Upgradation (DTH);
3. Marketing Support and Services (MSS);
4. Human Resource Development (HRD);
5. Research and Development (R&D); and
6. Handicrafts Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.

In the Handloom sector, financial assistance is provided under various schemes based on the requirements received from states and the implementing agencies. The details of funds released in last financial year under various schemes are given as under:-

Rs. in crore

INTEGRATED MARKETING & Mill Gate Hand loom Diversified Revival Reform						
HANDLOOM EXPORT Price Weavers Handloom and Restructuring						
DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION Scheme Comprehensive Development Package (RRR)						
SCHEME SCHEME Welfare Scheme Scheme						
138.94	41.37	122.91	127.03	17.08	291.03	

For overall development of handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers, Government has taken various policy initiatives and schemes as under:-

1. Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme
2. Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme
3. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme

4. Mill Gate Price Scheme
5. Diversified Handloom Development Scheme
6. Revival Reform and Restructuring (RRR) Package for handloom sector

(c): The funds allocated/spent under Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme to the workers of Private Sector closed mill during the last three years, state-wise are given below:-

Sr. No	State	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
(upto 7th August, 2013)					
		No. of workers allocated/ benefited (Rs. in lakh)	Amount spent (Rs. in lakh)	No. of workers allocated/ benefited (Rs. in lakh)	Amount spent (Rs. in lakh)
1	Gujarat	33	10.16	14	5.32
2	Maharashtra	534	156.73	69	26.94
3	MP	553	284.67	339	70.95
4	Karnataka	658	334.51	294	93.63
5	Andhra Pradesh	863	363.49	435	224.75
6	Tamil Nadu	9	4.39	-	-
7	Punjab	204	74.17	206	75.35
8	West Bengal	-	-	323	121.44
	Total	2854	1228.12	1288	470.00
				1192	500.00
				315	125.41

This scheme is not applicable to the State/Central Govt. Public Sector Undertakings and the textile units in the co-operative fold of the State/Central Govt.

In the current Financial year (2013-14), (upto 7th August 2013), a total of Rs. 125.41 lakhs have been disbursed to 315 workers. Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) guidelines in brief is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(d): Number of beneficiaries under the Scheme from inception, in respect of workers of closed /partially closed mills, state-wise are given at Annexure-II. No eligible applications are pending for disbursement under TWRFS with Regional offices of the Textile Commissioner. However, details of application received by the Regional Offices of Textile Commissioner, which are under scrutiny are as given below. After the scrutiny, the workers who are found eligible will be paid relief admissible under the Scheme.

S. No	Name of the mill & State	No. of workers
1.	M/s. Binny Mills Ltd, Chennai- Tamilnadu	1540
2.	M/s. Punjab Spinning & weaving Mills, Bathinda- Punjab	63

(e): The Government of India is providing job guarantee for the assistance of rural families under MNREGA which is for the unskilled workers.