

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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UPGRADATION OF HANDLOOM HANDICRAFTS

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

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to upgrade handloom technology and handicraft industry and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated during the last three years and the current year, State/category-wise;
- (b) Whether the Government has launched a Hire-Purchase Scheme under revised Restructured Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme to modernise the weaving sector,
- (c) If so, the details thereof along with the implementation status and funds allocated so far, State-wise;
- (d) Whether there is any scheme to upgrade the textile technology;
- (e) If so, the details thereof along with funds allocated to each institution, State-wise; and
- (f) the details of export of handloom during the last three years and the current year including steps taken by the Government for their promotion, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) The Government of India has been implementing Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS), under which the handloom technology is being upgraded by converting/replacing old looms to improvised looms and by adding jacquards, dobbies and other parts. The funds released under the (IHDS) during the last three years and current year upto 30.11.2013 are given in Annexure-I. Further in order to upgrade the handloom technology to increase the productivity and reduce drudgery of handloom weavers, the office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms has taken up research and development programmes in all respect of handloom technology through Weavers Service Centres (WSCs) and Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHTs).

Office of the D.C. Handicrafts has been implementing generic schemes for the promotion and upgradation of Handicraft sector on All India basis.

1. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana.
2. Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme
3. Marketing Support Services Scheme
4. Research & Development Scheme
5. Human Resource Development Scheme 6. Handicraft Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.

Further it is mentioned that this Office doesn't allocate the funds state-wise; however, state-wise funds released under above mentioned schemes during the last three years and current year are enclosed in Annexure-II.

(b) to (e): The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been in operation since April 1, 1999, except for small intervals and some modifications. The scheme is administered through 3 nodal agencies, 36 nodal banks and 108 co-opted PLs. The Scheme provides for interest reimbursement/capital subsidy/Margin Money subsidy and has been devised to bridge the gap between the cost of interest and the capital component to ease up the working capital requirement and to reduce the transaction cost, etc. The Scheme is approved for continuation of TUFS in the 12th Five Year Plan and is known as Revised Restructured TUFS (RR-TUFS). Under the scheme a pilot project has been envisaged for decentralized powerloom sector which aims at providing subsidy for developing infrastructure, common facilities, construction of factory buildings and for shuttleless looms on Hire purchase basis, to improve their quality and production and to face the competition from domestic market as well as export market. The scheme since inception has propelled investment of more than Rs. 2,43,000 crores till 31.3.2013. An amount of Rs. 16848.82 crore has been released towards subsidy under the Scheme as on 31.03.2013. Funds under TUFS are not allocated state-wise.

(f): The details of exports of handloom products during last three years and the current year (upto July 2013) is at Annexure-III. However

the State-wise export data is not maintained. For promotion of exports of handloom products; The Government of India has been implementing the following developmental and incentive schemes:-

- (i) Comprehensive Handlooms Development Scheme
- (ii) Market Access Initiative Scheme
- (iii) Focus Product Scheme
- (iv) Marketing Development Assistance Scheme
- (v) Duty Drawback Scheme