

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:278

ANSWERED ON:10.02.2014

HANDLOOM CLUSTERS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the existing handloom clusters developed by the Government in various parts of the country including the number of incentives/benefits extended to people employed therein;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish more handloom clusters across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, along with the funds allocated for the purpose and the number of persons enrolled and benefited by these clusters during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) whether the Government has achieved the desired success in the clusters development programme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (DR. KAVURU SAMBASIVA RAO)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.278 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2014 BY SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV AND SHRI A.K.S. VIJAYAN REGARDING HANDLOOM CLUSTERS

(a): The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms has taken up 613 handloom clusters, each having 300-500 handlooms for their integrated and holistic development in various States under Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme (IHDS) during XI Plan and 2012-13 & 2013-14 (till December 2013). Besides, 20 clusters, each having about 5000 handlooms have been taken up. Further, 6 mega handloom clusters, each having atleast 25000 handlooms have been taken up. In these clusters, financial assistance has been extended to benefit the weavers towards various inputs like margin money, new looms and accessories, skill up-gradation, design development, corpus fund for yarn supply, up-gradation of handlooms, setting up of Common Facility Centre/ Dye house, marketing, construction of Worksheds etc.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. A new Scheme "Comprehensive Handlooms Development Scheme (CHDS)" has been recently introduced, which provides for taking up new clusters, each having 200-500 handlooms and 2000-5000 handlooms to be developed in a time period of 4 years. The scheme has several components and therefore, based on the receipt of viable proposals and availability of funds, financial assistance is released to the Implementing Agencies through the State Government concerned. A statement showing State-wise funds released and number of weavers benefited during the last 3 years and current year (upto January 2014) is annexed.

(d) & (e): Handloom clusters have been taken up in different years of XI Plan and current Plan, of which some have been fully implemented while remaining are in different stages of implementation. Independent evaluation of the Cluster Development Programmes has revealed positive outcomes in terms of increase in productivity, increase in income, increase in number of working days etc. Annexure

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.278 RAISED BY SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV & SHRI A.K.S. VIJAYAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2014 REGARDING HANDLOOM CLUSTERS

Statement showing State-wise funds released and beneficiaries covered during last three years (2010-11 to 2012-13) and current year (2013-14 as on 31.1.2014) in Clusters taken up so far

S. No. Name of the State Amount released Number of Beneficiaries
(Rs.in lakh) covered

1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	925.58	5415
2	Bihar	283.23	369
3	Chhattisgarh	232.19	739
4	Delhi	16.83	0
5	Gujarat	24.94	0
6	Haryana	17.25	332
7	Himachal Pradesh	199.61	1397
8	Jammu & Kashmir	329.67	1250
9	Jharkhand	1014.53	3107
10	Karnataka	626.62	4792
11	Kerala	662.72	0
12	Madhya Pradesh	347.58	635
13	Maharashtra	111.00	2515
14	Orissa	1047.36	2073
15	Punjab	0.00	0
16	Rajasthan	83.42	1118
17	Tamilnadu	1420.11	3777
18	Uttar Pradesh	1184.62	2343
19	Uttarakhand	306.55	1322
20	West Bengal	962.47	1752
	Total	9796.27	32936

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1	Arunachal Pradesh	546.38	2500
2	Assam	1223.66	11663
3	Manipur	1932.84	15276
4	Meghalaya	267.94	620
5	Mizoram	76.75	371
6	Nagaland	1288.46	6000
7	Sikkim	0.00	0
8	Tripura	525.23	2077
	Total	5861.26	38507
	Grand Total	15657.53	71443