

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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TRIBAL TEXTILE WEAVING INDUSTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of tribal textiles weaving industries functioning in the country including Odisha, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government has any Plans to provide vocational training in weaving to the people from tribal belt for better opportunity of employment;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government to support and promote the tribal weaving units in the tribal belt of Odisha?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): No tribal textile weaving industry in specific is functioning in the country including Odisha. However, State-wise number of handloom weavers and allied workers as per 3rd Handloom Census (2009-10) & representation of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the country is given at Annexure-I

(b) & (c): At present there is no scheme/Plan to provide vocational training in weaving specifically for the people from tribal belt. However, six Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology (IIHT) in Central Sector at, Varanasi, Guwahati, Salem, Jodhpur, Bargarh & Shantipur and four Indian Institutes of Handloom & Technology in State Sector at Kannur, Venkatagiri, Gadag & Champa are running three years Diploma course in Handloom Technology. IIHT Varanasi & Salem are also running 1 ½ years Post Diploma Course in Textile Chemistry for better opportunity of employment.

In addition, skill upgradation in weaving, design, and dyeing & printing is being provided under "Integrated Skill Development Scheme" to Handloom weavers/workers in all over country including the people of tribal belt for better opportunity of employment.

(d): Government of India is implementing the following schemes/programmes to support and promote the handloom weavers/workers which includes tribal weaving unit in tribal belt of Odisha:-

- (i) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)
- (ii) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)
- (iii) Yarn Supply Scheme
- (iv) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme

In addition Handloom, Textiles and Handicraft Department of Government of Odisha is implementing the following schemes/programmes to support and promote the handloom weavers/workers of Odisha including tribal belt of Odisha.

- i) Promotion of Handloom Industries
- ii) Self Employment Training in Basic Weaving, Jacquard Weaving, Dobby Jalla, Dyeing and Tie & Dye.
- iii) Revival of age old Tribal Fabrics.