

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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Special Scheme for Weavers/Artisans  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any special scheme has been formulated by the Government to save the weavers and artisans from middlemen;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the State-wise details of total number of handloom/powerloom marketing centres set up during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to encourage traditional garments, jewellery and handicraft products at international and inter-State level for marketing of abovementioned products?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Government of India has been formulating schemes/programmes, from time to time for the upliftment of handloom weavers. Presently the following schemes are being implemented for the development of handlooms & welfare of weavers throughout the country namely; (i) National Handloom Development Programme, (ii) Comprehensive Handloom Development Scheme, (iii) Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, (iv) Yarn Supply Scheme and (v) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme.

The Central Sector scheme i.e. marketing support and Services Scheme is to provide marketing facilities directly to the artisans which help to save the artisans from the middlemen.

The Corpus Yarn Bank Scheme as a component of Integrated Scheme is for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD).

(c): The Government of India, Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms has set up one marketing complex at Janpath, New Delhi and one Urban Haat at Janak Puri, New Delhi during last three years. Assistance has been given for organizing sale-cum-expos where weavers can sell directly.

(d): The Union Government has been implementing following seven generic schemes for the promotion and development of Handicraft sector including Traditional Garments, Jewellery etc:-

- (i) Baba Saheb Amedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana
- (ii) Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme
- (iii) Marketing Support Services Scheme
- (iv) Research & Development Scheme
- (v) Human Resource Development Scheme
- (vi) Handicraft Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme
- (vii) Infrastructure and Technology Development Scheme.

Further, there is a Marketing support and Services Scheme to provide marketing facilities in domestic as well as international market.  
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