

HANDLOOM SECTOR IN ASSAM

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Assam is traditionally rich in handloom sector;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/being taken to boost handloom sector in the State in general and amongst different tribes which are rich in this sector in particular; and
- (c) whether the Government has any new proposal to boost this sector in the State and if so, the details thereof?

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ANSWER

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI AJAY TAMTA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes for development of handlooms and welfare of weavers across the country, including Assam:-

1. National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)
2. Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS)
3. Yarn Supply Scheme (YSS)
4. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) for mega handloom clusters

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided for raw materials, purchase of looms and accessories, design innovation, product diversification, infrastructure, skill upgradation, marketing of handloom products, loan at concessional rates etc.

(c): The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles has taken up Sivasagar as mega handloom cluster. In the said cluster, one Silk Spinning unit, four Common Facility Centres with end to end activities and five block level clusters have been sanctioned. Besides, 52 block level clusters have also been sanctioned in Assam since 2015-16, providing financial assistance for skill upgradation, design/product development, purchase of looms/accessories and lighting units, construction of workshed etc. In order to promote sales of handloom products, 92 marketing events have been sanctioned in last three years and a sum of Rs. 9.04 crore has been released.

During 7-17th October 2017 and 19-24th February 2018, 8 and 7 Hastkala Sahyog Shivirs were organised in various handloom clusters in the State of Assam to facilitate the handloom weavers for obtaining MUDRA loan, Yarn Passbooks, looms & accessories, enrol for NIOS and IGNOU courses etc.

Under Weavers' MUDRA scheme, 503 MUDRA loans have been sanctioned since 2016-17, involving sanctioned loan amount of Rs. 219.44 lakh. Of which, Rs. 219.44 lakh has been disbursed.

During the celebration of 7th August 2015 as National Handloom Day, 'India Handloom' Brand was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister for production of niche handloom products with high quality, authentic traditional designs with zero defect and zero effect on environment. So far 13 agencies from Assam have been registered for IHB products and sale of Rs. 60.88 lakh has been generated for IHB products.