

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3106
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2019

COMPREHENSIVE HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

3106. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Comprehensive Handloom Development Programme (CHDP) has covered only about 2,96,809 beneficiaries and released funds to the tune of Rs. 215.63 crores during the last four years including the current year;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons as to why only 14 per cent of the total handloom weavers have been considered for CHDP; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to ensure comprehensive coverage for the benefit of weavers?

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ANSWER

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MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): The Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) is targeted at development of Mega Handloom Clusters in clearly identifiable geographical locations covering atleast 15000 handlooms with the Government of India (GoI) contribution upto Rs.40 crore per cluster over a period of 5 years. Components such as conducting diagnostic study, corpus for raw material, etc., are fully funded by the Government of India (GoI) whereas components like lighting units, technological up-gradation of looms and accessories are 90% funded by the GoI. Other components such as creation of infrastructure for design studio/ marketing complex/garmenting unit, marketing development, assistance for exports and publicity are 80% funded by the GoI.

Pursuant to the announcements made by the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister in the respective annual budgets, 08 Mega Handloom Clusters viz. Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Sivasagar (Assam), Virudhunagar(Tamil Nadu), Murshidabad (West Bengal), Prakasam & Guntur districts (Andhra Pradesh), Godda & neighbouring districts (Jharkhand), Bhagalpur (Bihar) and Trichy (Tamil Nadu) have been taken up for development. Under the CHCDS, around 1.75 lakh handloom weavers have been covered for which Rs. 131.91 crore has been released for various interventions during the last four financial years and the current financial year.

Furthermore, under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP), based on the viable proposals received from the State Governments, 294 Block Level Clusters (BLCs) have been sanctioned in the country covering around 1.6 lakh handloom weavers for which Rs. 165.99 crore has been released for various interventions during the last four financial years and the current financial year.
