

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1841
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2021

PROMOTION OF HANDLOOMS AND HANDICRAFT

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to encourage handlooms and handicrafts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of various schemes/programmes undertaken by the Government for promotion and development of handloom and handicrafts sectors in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the funds allocated, released and utilized for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the benefits accrued as a result of implementation of these schemes/programmes?

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ANSWER

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्रीमती स्मृति जूबिन इरानी)
MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): It is the endeavor of the Government to encourage handlooms and handicrafts in the country, including the State of Tamil Nadu. The Ministry of Textiles is implementing the following schemes to develop and promote these Sectors across the country: -

Schemes for Handloom Sector:

- 1) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)
 - (i) Block Level Clusters
 - (ii) Handloom Marketing Assistance
 - (iii) Weavers' MUDRA Scheme
- 2) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)
 - (i) Mega Clusters
 - (ii) Block Level Clusters
- 3) Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS)
 - (i) Converged Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY)
 - (ii) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)
 - (iii) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)
- 4) Yarn Supply Scheme (YSS)

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

Schemes for Handicraft Sector:

- 1) The National Handicraft Development Programme (NHDP) has following components:
 - (i) Base Line Survey & Mobilization of Artisans under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana
 - (ii) Design & Technology Up gradation,
 - (iii) Human Resource Development
 - (iv) Direct Benefit to Artisans,
 - (v) Infrastructure and Technology Support,
 - (vi) Research and Development,
 - (vii) Marketing Support & Services.

- 2) The Comprehensive Handicraft Development Scheme (CHCDS) has following components
 - (i) Mega Cluster
 - (ii) Special projects under Integrated Development and Promotion of Handicraft (IDPH).

(c): All the above Schemes are Central Sector Schemes. Budgetary allocation of funds is not made State/UT-wise. Funds are released directly to the eligible handloom agencies/weavers and artisans on receipt of viable proposals, duly recommended by the State functionaries. Subsequent instalment of funds is released to them on receipt of utilization of previous funds and physical and financial report etc. The details of total funds allocated, released under Handloom & Handicraft Schemes in last three years and the current year (2017-18 to 2020-21 as on 31-01-2021) is as under:

SN	Description	Funds allocated in last 3 years & current year (Rs. In Crore)	Funds released in last 3 years & current year (Rs. In crore)
1	Funds for Handloom Schemes	Rs. 1461.18	Rs. 1167.38
2	Funds for Handicraft Schemes	Rs. 669.48	Rs. 472.82

(d): The recent third-party evaluation study of handloom and handicraft schemes conducted through independent agencies has revealed that average earning of weavers/artisans per month has increased, average number of working days have increased and average yarn consumption per weaver per day has also increased.
