

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2065  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2021

SETTING UP OF HANDLOOM CLUSTERS

2065. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up handloom clusters to benefit weavers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and progress made therein along with the funds sanctioned during the last three years including the current year as on date State/ UT-wise especially Mahabubnagar district of Telangana; and
- (c) the details and grounds under which proposals were accepted/rejected in this regard?

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ANSWER

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

**(a) to (c):** The Government of India has been implementing Block Level Cluster, a component of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme(CHCDS) since 2015-16 for holistic & integrated development of handloom weavers which inter-alia provides financial assistance upto Rs.2.00 crore per sanctioned cluster for implementation of various interventions such as Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (HSS), product development, construction of workshed, project management cost, design development, setting up of Common Facility Centre (CFC), etc. Since F.Y. 2015-16, 440 Block Level Clusters have been sanctioned in the country.

Block level clusters are sanctioned based on the viable proposals received from State government concerned as per the extant guidelines of the scheme. With regard to Mahabubnagar district of Telangana, one cluster has been sanctioned covering 235 beneficiaries during 2016-17 with total cost of Rs.104.60 lakh comprising the Government of India's share of Rs.102.50 lakh. Details of State/UT-wise clusters sanctioned, funds released and beneficiaries covered from F.Y. 2015-16 to F.Y. 2020-21(till January 2021) are annexed.

## Statement referred in reply to Part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha unstarred question No.2065 for answer on 12.02.2021

## Statement showing State/UT-wise number of Bock Level Clusters Sanctioned, funds released and beneficiaries covered under National Handloom Development Programme(NHDP)/ Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme(CHCDS) from 2015-16 to 2020-21 (till January 2021)

S. No.	State/UT	No. of BLCs sanctioned	Amount released (Rs.in crore)	No. of Beneficiaries Covered
1	Andhra Pradesh	54	43.54	33479
2	Arunachal Pradesh	11	3.65	5283
3	Assam	59	44.21	52772
4	Bihar	13	5.06	5472
5	Chhattishgarh	9	4.86	3615
6	Gujarat	5	1.23	560
7	Himachal Pradesh	10	3.25	2576
8	Jammu & Kashmir	13	5.23	2953
9	Jharkhand	30	9.66	24143
10	Karnataka	7	4.13	2916
11	Kerala	6	5.55	2472
12	Ladakh	1	0.07	260
13	Madhya Pradesh	6	2.97	9603
14	Maharashtra	6	2.26	4336
15	Manipur	10	9.23	19195
16	Meghalaya	3	1.81	1102
17	Mizoram	10	5.83	3653
18	Nagaland	13	5.94	11230
19	Orissa	30	16.18	11016
20	Rajasthan	1	0.37	554
21	Sikkim	1	0.44	72
22	Tamilnadu	52	38.45	58268
23	Telangana	9	3.06	2811
24	Tripura	4	2.02	2350
25	Uttar Pradesh	48	21.18	15451
26	Uttarakhand	3	0.75	1116
27	West Bengal	26	11.95	27298
	<b>Total</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>252.88</b>	<b>304556</b>