

Sl. No.	Name of District	Total No. of Centres	Purchase (in bales)
4.	Mahabubnagar	3	65931
5.	Ranga Reddy	5	41950
6.	Khammam	6	63089
7.	Nalgonda	10	133850
	TOTAL	51	639554
Branch - Adilabad (Telangana)			
1.	Adilabad	23	301839
2.	Nizamabad	1	7211
	TOTAL	24	309050
Branch - Guntur (Andhra Pradesh)			
1.	Guntur	10	35508
2.	Prakasam	6	53357
3.	Krishna	7	136817
4.	West Godavari	2	8652
5.	East Godavari	1	250
6.	Kurnool	3	24380
	TOTAL	(27+2) 29	258964

Welfare measures for weavers/ artisans

2345. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the weavers and artisans are facing problems on account of funds not being made available to them and also on account of less marketing facilities, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has got any welfare measures for weavers/artisans, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the monitoring system to ensure proper implementation of welfare measures for them; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The Offices of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) and Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India are implementing Weavers' Credit Card and Artisans Credit Card scheme respectively for providing credit by the Banks.

Handloom and Handicraft sectors are unorganized, therefore the Government of India organize marketing exhibitions/events at District/State/National level and also, set up Haats in various parts of the country for participation by weavers/artisans and handlooms/handicraft agencies to market their products.

(b) The Offices of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) and Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) are implementing following schemes for development of the handlooms/handicrafts and welfare of weavers/artisans:

Handloom Schemes

1. National Handloom Development Programme
2. Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme
3. Yarn Supply Scheme
4. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

Handicraft Schemes

1. Rajive Gandhi Shilipi Swasthya Bima Yojana (RGSSBY).
2. Aam Admi Bima Yojana (AABY) for Handicrafts artisans.
3. Support to artisans in indigent circumstance.
4. Credit Guarantee Scheme.
5. Interest Subvention.
6. ID Card and data base creations.

(c) and (d) Monitoring of the Schemes of handlooms and handicrafts is done by the respective office directly and also, through their field/regional offices. Also, officers from time to time visit the handloom/handicraft pockets to review the progress. Further, meetings are also held by the Ministry to review the progress.