

Welfare measures for weavers and artisans

1438. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH : 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; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) to (c) For the welfare of handloom weavers and development of handloom sector, Government of India has been implementing following schemes:-

(i) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HECWS)

(ii) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)

(a) Comprehensive Handlooms Development Scheme (CHDS).

(b) Revival, Reform & Restructuring (RRR) Package for handloom sector.

(iii) Yarn Supply Scheme (YSS)

(iv) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)

As regard, Handicraft sector is concerned, Government of India has been implementing Handicraft Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme comprising (i) Rajiv Gandhi Shilpi Swasthya Bima Yojana (RGSSBY) (ii) Bima Yojana for Handicrafts Artisans (AamAdmiBimaYojana (AABY) (iii) Support to artisans in indigent circumstances (iv) Credit Guarantee Scheme (v) Interest Subvention Scheme & (vi) Issue of Identity Cards and creation of data-base.

Implementation of these schemes is being monitored in cooperation with the State Governments with the objective that intended benefits reach weavers and artisans.

Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana Projects

1439. SHRI K.K. RAGESH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the list and names of beneficiary organizations of Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) projects, State-wise, during the last ten years;

(b) the State-wise list of completed, discontinued and ongoing projects out of them;

(c) the State-wise and project-wise details of the total money sanctioned and utilized in respect of all completed, ongoing and discontinued projects; and

(d) the reports of all completed projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) to (d) Sir, the information is being collected from field units throughout the country and will be placed before the house subsequently.

Promotion and development of handloom sector

1440. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that handloom industry has the capacity of generating more job opportunities compared to other textile industries of the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has introduced any special promotional schemes for expansion and development of the said sector during the last two years; and

(c) if so, the details of average annual expenditure incurred on the said schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) Handloom Industry is an unorganized industry which can generate job opportunities particularly in rural areas.

(b) For expansion and development of handloom sector, following schemes/ programmes are under implementation during Twelfth Plan:-

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

(c) During the last two years annual expenditure on the above schemes has been as under:-