

Schemes to National Handloom Development Programme

791. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) The schemes of the National Handloom Development Programme implemented in the country in the last three years ending June, 2017;
- (b) the number of these schemes implemented in the State of Karnataka; and
- (c) to what extent the handloom weavers of the State of Karnataka have benefited from such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) to (c) The National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) is implemented in the country, including Karnataka. Main components of NHDP are Concessional Credit, Handloom Marketing Assistance, and Block Level Cluster. These components have been availed by the State of Karnataka. The benefits to the weavers vary from component to component. The weavers have been benefitted by waiver of their overdue loan, availing loan at concessional rates, participation in exhibitions/fair/craft melas for marketing their handloom products, upgradation of their looms, training etc. to improve their earnings. Details relating to the State of Karnataka are as follows:

Components	(₹ in lakh)			
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (till date)
Loan sanctioned	393.13	265.82	748.90	34.40
Handloom Marketing Assistance	104.00	-	24.00	-
Block Level Cluster	62.07	-	34.22	28.13

Mega textile exhibition in Gujarat

792. SHRI SANJAY SETH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has organized a mega textile exhibition in Gujarat, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of countries which have participated in the exhibition;