

**Statement**

*Details of revenue generated by export of textiles and apparels including handicraft from 2009-10 to 2017-18*

(Fig. in US \$ Million)

Year	Textiles	Apparel	Total T&A
2009-10	13,812	10,722	24,533
2010-11	18,559	11,627	30,186
2011-12	22,353	13,731	36,084
2012-13	22,275	12,949	35,224
2013-14	24,914	14,990	39,904
2014-15	23,285	16,833	40,119
2015-16	22,322	16,966	39,288
2016-17	21,643	17,368	39,011
2017-18	22,516	16,705	39,221

*Source:* DGCIS.

**Welfare of handloom weavers**

440. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the action taken by Government for the welfare of the handloom weavers of the country; and

(b) the amount sanctioned for the welfare of the handloom weavers during the period 2014-18, State-wise and scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI AJAY TAMTA): (a) For the welfare of handloom weavers, Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS) across the country to provide life and accidental insurance coverage on death or disability through Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and converged Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima

Yojana (MGBBY). The following steps were also taken for the welfare of handloom weavers:—

- To empower the weavers and to enable the children of weavers families in career advancement, Ministry of Textiles have entered into separate Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and National Institute of open schooling (NIOS) for providing education to the handloom weavers and their children through open schooling and distance learning. Ministry of Textiles is providing reimbursement of 75% of the fee towards admission in courses offered by NIOS/IGNOU in case of SC, ST, BPL and women learners of these people.
- Bunkar Mitra helpline launched to provide single point of contact for handloom weavers for addressing queries and providing guidance. This helpline can be accessed by dialing toll free number 18002089988 and available in seven languages *i.e.* Hindi, English, Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Kannada and Assamese.
- e-Dhaga mobile app launched for placing indents for yam supply online and checking its status time to time. The app is available in ten languages *i.e.* Hindi, English, Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Assamese, Kannada, Urdu, Odiya and Malayalam.

(b) The Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme is implemented through Life Insurance Corporation of India and funds are being released directly to the Life Insurance Corporation of India. Year-wise funds released are as under:-

Year	Funds released (₹ in crore)
2014-15	16.39
2015-16	16.67
2016-17	16.87
2017-18	9.99

#### **Proposal to establish SEZs for textile manufacturers**

441. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to establish Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for textile manufacturers only;