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RAJYA SABHA
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PROMOTION OF HANDLOOM INDUSTRY IN BIHAR

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating upon taking steps to promote the handloom industry in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds spent for the development of handicraft/handloom industry in Bihar; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
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(a) to (c): Government of India, Ministry of Textiles through Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms is implementing following schemes across the country including Bihar State for development of handlooms and welfare of weavers:-

1. National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP);
2. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS);
3. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS);
4. Yarn Supply Scheme(YSS)

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided for raw materials, purchase of looms and accessories, design innovation, product diversification, infrastructure development, skill upgradation, marketing of handloom products, loans at concessional rates etc. Details of funds released to Bihar State for Handlooms during 2014-15 to 2020-21(till December 2020) are as follows:-

1. National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)-
 - (i) Rs. 162.43 lakh has been released for development of 3 Block Level Clusters covering 1059 beneficiaries.
 - (ii) Rs. 140.70 lakh has been released for organising 10 marketing events covering 21,820 beneficiaries.
 - (iii) Rs. 12.17 crore loan has been disbursed to 1400 beneficiaries under concessional credit/Weavers' MUDRA Scheme.

2. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)- Bhagalpur Mega Handloom Cluster, which covers Bhagalpur and Banka districts has been taken up since the financial year 2014-15. Rs. 4.01 crore has been released so far for implementation of 10 Block Level Clusters, one Dye House and one Design Studio & Product Development Centre covering 4413 beneficiaries.
3. Quantity of 7.588 lakh kg yarn worth value of Rs. 2095.15 lakh has been supplied under Yarn Supply Scheme.
4. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS)- provide life, accidental and disability insurance coverage under the Pradhan Mantri Jivan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and converged Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY). Total number of 2196 Handloom workers are covered under PMJJBY, PMSBY and converged MGBBY.

Besides this, funds released to Bihar State under various schemes being implemented through office of the Development Commissioner for Handicrafts are as follows since 2016-17 to 2020 till December]]:-

1. Integrated Development and Promotion of Handicrafts (IDPH)- Rs.11.30 crore has been released for implementation of various interventions such as setting up of 15 Common Facility Centres, 45 Design Development Workshops, 30 Integrated Design Development Programmes, 20 Handicrafts Technical Training Programmes, 10 Seminar/Workshop, 02 International Workshops, 06 Buyer Seller meets, 16 Exhibitions & several capacity building programmes, etc. benefitting 16500 artisans.
2. Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana - Rs.83.53 lakh has been released for implementation of 04 clusters, one Sahyog Shivar and distribution of 275 toolkits covering 5168 artisans.
3. Research & Development Scheme- Rs.16.16 lakh has been released to organise 05 Workshops/Seminars benefitting 110 artisans.
4. Marketing Support and Services Scheme- Rs. 210.80 lakh has been released for implementation of 06 Gandhi Shilp Bazaars, 05 Craft Bazaars & 05 Exhibitions benefitting 1446 artisans.
5. Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme- Rs.127.08 lakh has been released for implementation of 06 Integrated Design Development & 04 Design Development Workshops and distribution of 06 toolkits benefitting 679 artisans.
6. Human Resource Development Scheme- Rs.241.09 lakh has been released for implementation of 23 Handicraft Technical Training Programmes, 15 Guru Shishya Parampara & 15 Soft Skill Training Programmes benefitting 985 artisans.
