

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-441
ANSWERED ON- 22/07/2021

SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WEAVERS

441. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:
LT.GEN. (DR.) D. P. VATS (RETD.):

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various schemes being run/ proposed at present in the country for development of small and local handloom weavers who fulfill only local requirements, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether many handloom weavers have opted for alternative sources of livelihood due to lack of work; and
- (c) whether any scheme is being run/proposed at present for the development of weaving skill in the country including Uttar Pradesh and many persons have been trained to develop their skill in this trade, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

(a): The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles is implementing following schemes for overall development & promotion of handlooms and welfare of handloom weavers across the country: -

- 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, lighting units, marketing of handloom products in domestic as well as overseas markets, getting loans at concessional rates, etc.

(b): The handloom sector is an unorganized sector with handloom weavers scattered across rural areas in the country. Due to its unorganized nature, centralized data about weavers opting for alternative sources of livelihood due to lack of work is not available in the Ministry.

(c): Skill upgradation is a continuous process. Need-based skill upgradation programmes for handloom workers in technical areas viz. weaving, dyeing, designing, etc. were earlier conducted under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP), Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) and now under SAMARTH- Capacity Building in Textile Sector. Training programmes for handloom workers are conducted through 28 Weavers' Service Centres (WSCs) functioning in the country under administrative control of Ministry of Textiles. Since 2015-16 to 2020-21, skill upgradation training has been imparted to 56,934 weavers, of which 5,498 weavers belong to Uttar Pradesh.
