

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2058  
ANSWERED ON- 05/08/2021

**CONDITION OF HANDLOOM WORKERS**

2058. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:  
SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that the condition of handloom workers is deteriorating day by day and they are unable to sustain, if so, the details of handlooms closed during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to promote handloom through social media campaign and if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to boost the handicraft sector across the country and to generate employment in the sector?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): Due to unorganized and traditional nature of handloom sector, such data, if any, pertaining to this sector is dispersed and largely unavailable for centralized quantification.
- (b): To support handloom weavers during Covid-19 pandemic, social media campaigns are run from time to time. These campaigns have resulted in renewed interest of the Indian public in handlooms for sale opportunities for handloom weavers.
- (c): The Government imparts various training programmes and schemes for promotion, development and generation of employment for artisans of handicraft sector under “National Handicraft Development Programme (NHDP)” and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS).

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