

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1280  
ANSWERED ON- 11/02/2022

**SUPPORT FOR TECHNOLOGY UPGRADATION IN TEXTILE SECTOR**

1280. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the support being provided for technology upgradation in the textiles sector;
- (b) the support being provided for preservation of skills in tribal communities in textile manufacturing; and
- (c) how many tribal children have been trained in traditional tribal textile manufacturing with assistance from the Ministry?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES  
(SMT. DARSHANA JARDOSH)

**(a):** Ministry of Textiles is providing capital investment subsidy for eligible investment in technology upgradation across textile manufacturing sector under Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) implemented since 2016. Financial support is also provided under National Handloom Development Programme for upgradation of looms and accessories to handloom weavers. Various technology upgradation assistance and improved toolkits are provided to handicraft artisans under National Handicraft Development Programme. The new technologies developed by Central Silk Board R&D institutes are transferred to the stakeholders by providing financial assistance to the State Sericulture Departments through beneficiary oriented components under Silk Samagra Scheme.

**(b) & (c):** SAMARTH (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector), umbrella skill development scheme implemented by Ministry of Textiles promotes skilling and skill upgradation in traditional sectors of handlooms, handicraft, sericulture and jute. Under SAMARTH, preference is given to the marginalized social groups like women, SC/ST, differently-abled persons, minorities, persons from the BPL category and 115 Aspirational Districts notified by the NITI Aayog. A total of 1,712 Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries have been provided skill training in traditional textile sector courses (Handloom -966, Handicraft-518, Sericulture -199 and Jute- 29) under SAMARTH. In addition, a total of 4,820 tribal artisans have benefitted through 238 training programmes conducted by O/o Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) since 2018-19.

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