GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TEXTILES

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PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFTS INDUSTRY

2398. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps for the development and promotion of traditional handicrafts industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has formed any schemes/programmes for the benefit of traditional handloom factories and their workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): Government implements "National Handicrafts Development Programme (NHDP)" and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) for development of handicraft in a holistic manner and to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities to the artisans. The NHDP and CHCDS have following components:
 - i. Marketing Support & Services
 - ii. Skill Development in Handicrafts Sector
 - iii. Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana
 - iv. Direct Benefit to Artisans
 - v. Infrastructure and Technology Support
 - vi. Research and Development
 - vii. Mega Cluster
- (c) & (d): Government is implementing following schemes for development and promotion of handloom sector and welfare of traditional handloom weavers and workers across the country:
 - i. National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)
 - ii. Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS)

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided to the eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, Common infrastructure development, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, Weavers MUDRA Loans etc.
