

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO-*263
ANSWERED ON- 24/03/2023

HANDLOOM CLUSTERS FOR IKAT WEAVERS OF ODISHA

*263. SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether handloom clusters have been arranged for the Ikat weavers of Odisha as part of the Comprehensive Handlooms Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *263 for answer on 24.03.2023.

(a) & (b): During the period from 2015-16 to 2022-23 (till February 2023), financial assistance of Rs.19.01 crore has been provided to support the Ikat weavers of Odisha State through 34 Cluster Development Programmes under National Handloom Development Programme for implementation of various intervention like upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, worksheds, design and product development, marketing, etc.

Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) was in operation upto October 2021, thereafter it was subsumed under NHDP as one of its components, Mega Handloom Cluster. No complete proposal from State Government of Odisha has been received under Mega Handloom Cluster (erstwhile Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme).
