

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-954**  
ANSWERED ON- 09/02/2024

**STATUS OF TRADITIONAL TEXTILES SECTOR IN ODISHA**

954. DR. SASMIT PATRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people involved in traditional handloom and handicraft businesses in the State of Odisha;
- (b) the details of the measures taken by Government to improve the lives and livelihoods of traditional artisans in textile business in the State of Odisha;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilized in the last five years for the same; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to encourage traditional textiles, which are facing competition from imported cheap, machine-made textiles?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a):** There are 1,17,836 handloom workers and 1,94,886 artisans involved in traditional handloom and handicraft businesses in the State of Odisha respectively.
- (b):** For the development of Handicrafts sector and welfare of artisans, Ministry of Textiles is implementing National Handicraft Development Programme and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme across the country including the State of Odisha. Under these schemes marketing support, skill development, cluster development, promotion of business environment through formation of Producer Companies, direct benefit to artisans, infrastructural and technology support, research and development support for cluster and individual artisans are being provided.
- (c):** The details of fund sanctioned and released under National Handicraft Development Programme and Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme in the State of Odisha during the last five years are as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Schemes	Fund Sanctioned/allocated	Fund Released/Utilized
National Handicraft Development Programme	1,872.52	1,572.55
Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme	545.50	545.50

**(d):** Ministry of Textiles is implementing the following schemes to encourage handlooms and welfare of handloom weavers across the country:

1. National Handloom Development Programme;
2. Raw Material Supply Scheme;

Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/weavers for raw materials, procurement of upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, skilling, product & design development, technical and common infrastructure, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme and social security etc.

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