

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-634
ANSWERED ON- 29/11/2024

ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR HANDLOOM WORKERS IN ODISHA

634. SMT. MAMATA MOHANTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) for handloom workers;
- (b) the details of number of handloom workers benefited during last three years under these schemes in Odisha;
- (c) whether Government is considering to release additional grant-in-aid for upliftment and development of handloom workers in Odisha; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a): Ministry of Textiles is not implementing any centrally sponsored schemes (CSS) for handloom workers. However, Ministry of Textiles is implementing central sector schemes such as (i) National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and (ii) Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS) to promote handlooms and for welfare of handloom weavers across the country. Under these 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, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme and social security etc.

(b): The details of number of handloom workers benefited during last three years under these schemes in Odisha are as under:

S No.	Year	NHDP	No. of looms covered under yarn pass book under RMSS
1	2021-22	1,518	29,869
2	2022-23	10,642	30,074
3	2023-24	9,385	30,386

(c) & (d): Assistance under these above schemes will continue till the Financial Year 2025-26 as per the approved scheme. Additional proposal, if and when received, will be considered as per the scheme guidelines.
