## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3460 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2024

## TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS IN NER

## 3460. SHRI MUKESHKUMAR CHANDRAKAANT DALAL: SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES वस्त्र मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) the thirteen technological advancements made in the handloom sector particularly by the North Eastern Region (NER); and

(b) the benefits accrued thereof?

## उत्तर ANSWER वस्त्र राज्य मंत्री (**श्री पबित्र मार्घेरिटा**) THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a) & (b): For technological advancements in handloom sector across the country including North Eastern Region, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/workers for procurement of upgraded looms & accessories under Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (technology upgradation), solar lighting units, electronic jacquard etc. More than 15,600 weavers were provided upgraded looms/accessories under Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (technology upgradation), more than 1,400 weavers provided solar lighting units, 3 weavers provided electronic jacquard in North Eastern States during 2015-16 to 2024-25 (as on 30.11.2024).

Further, benefits to the handloom weavers through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), handloom weavers on-boarding on Government e-Marketplace (GeM), portal for sale of Handcrafted products viz. Indiahandmade.com etc. are steps taken by the Government to increase prevalence of technology usage and digitalize the handloom sector and ensure remunerative prices for their products and welfare of weavers.

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