

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF KHADI
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to develop the centres of artisans who are engaged in handicrafts and handlooms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to encourage the artisans to produce Khadi products?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The steps taken for handicrafts include: implementation of schemes of (i) Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY), (ii) Design & Technology Up-gradation Scheme, (iii) Marketing Support Services Scheme, (iv) Research & Development Scheme, (v) Human Resource Development Scheme (vi) Handicraft Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme and (vii) infrastructure and Technology Development Scheme.

In addition to above under Comprehensive Handicraft Development Scheme (CHCDS) five (5) Mega Clusters have been set up at (1) Narsapur (A.P), (2) Moradabad (U.P.), (3) Mirzapur Bhadohi (U.P.), (4) Srinagar and (5) Jodhpur. Also as per the Budget Announcement 2014-15 three (3) new Mega Cluster are proposed at (i) Bareilly, (ii) Lucknow and (iii) Kuttch.

During the XII Plan, the Government has introduced following schemes for development of handlooms and welfare of handloom weavers/workers.

1) National Handloom Development Programme, having the following components:-

i. Revival, Reform and Re-structuring Package for Handloom Sector.

ii. Comprehensive Handlooms Development Scheme. (CHDS) CHDS has been formulated by merging the components of Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme (IHDS), Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme (MEPS) and Diversified Handloom Development Scheme (DHDS)

2) Yarn Supply Scheme. Having Mill Gate Price Scheme and 10% price subsidy on hank yarn

3) Handloom Weaver` Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS), having Health Insurance Scheme (HIS) for providing health care facilities to the handlooms weavers in the country and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY) for providing life insurance cover to the handloom weavers in case of natural/accidental death, total/partial disability due to accident.

(c): Government in the Ministry of MSME has been implementing various schemes through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to encourage the artisans to produce Khadi products, which include:

i. Khadi Institutions enlisted with the KVIC/Khadi and Village Industries Boards of States/Union Territories are required to create Artisan Welfare Fund Trusts (AWFTs) with view to extending security and other help to artisans.

ii. Under Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme, financial assistance is provided to khadi and polyvastra producing institutions @ 20% of the value of production of khadi and polyvastra to be shared among artisans, producing institutions and selling institutions in the ratio 25:30:45.

iii. Workshed Scheme for Khadi Artisans under which assistance is provided for construction of worksheds for better work environment.

iv. KVIC, in association with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), implements a group insurance scheme named Khadi Karigar Janshree Bima Yojana to provide insurance cover to khadi artisans against normal and accidental death and disability.

v. KVIC implements Khadi Reform and Development Programme (KRDP) to revitalize the khadi sector with enhanced sustainability of

khadi, increased incomes and employment for spinners and weavers, increased artisans welfare and achieve synergy with village industries.