

NEW HANDLOOM REVIVAL INITIATIVES

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Ministry of Textiles (MoT), Government of India and various State Governments are providing financial & institutional support for development of handlooms and welfare of weavers. MoT 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 including Cuttack district of Odisha. 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, social security, payment to awardee weavers in indigent circumstances etc. Most of these components are implemented through Central & State Governments agencies.

Impact of these schemes in Odisha including Cuttack district is as under: -

(i) National Handloom Development Programme (2014-15 to 2025-26 as on 30.06.2025)

Sr. No.	Interventions	Odisha	Cuttack
1.	Number of clusters	35	03
2.	No. of Skill up-gradation training beneficiaries	5,780	236
3.	Number of Skill up-Gradation training programme under SAMARTH	51	09
4.	Number of trainees enrolled under SAMARTH	1,349	250
5.	Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata(HSS)	6,548	565
6.	Lighting units	1,151	266
7.	Worksheds	109	09

(ii) Raw Material Supply Scheme (RMSS)

Qty of yarn supplied – In Lakh Kgs,

Year	Odisha	Cuttack
	Qty	Qty
2025-26 (up to 31.07.25)	1.495	0.101
2024-25	4.644	0.277
2023-24	4.254	0.260
2022-23	2.937	0.191

During 2019-20, impact evaluation study was conducted by independent third parties of handloom schemes. As per evaluation reports, the schemes have had positive impact on performance of the handloom sector and has played a major role in improving average earnings of handloom weavers.

This information was provided by THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES SHRI PABITRA

MARGHERITA in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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