



SUPPORT TO NEW MSMES STARTUPS IN FIELD OF TEXTILES

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With a view to promote technical textiles in the country, National Technical Textile Mission (NTTM) was launched in the year 2020 with a fund outlay of Rs 1,480 crore. Under NTTM, the Grant for Research and Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT) Scheme has been launched to promote entrepreneurship in Technical Textiles Sector. The scheme provides financial assistance of up to Rs. 50 lakh for each approved start-up. A total of 24 Start-ups have been approved under GREAT scheme of NTTM so far. Under the component of **“Promotion & Market Development”** of National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM), 35 National/ International conference/ event /workshops have been organized by the Ministry so far, which aim to create awareness, demand for promotion and market development of Technical Textiles.

In addition, under the Startup India initiative, Government in the Department For Promotion Of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is also implementing three flagship Schemes, Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS), and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) to provide funding to various sector including textiles & fabrics.

Further, Government is also providing support for marketing of handloom and handicraft products in domestic/overseas markets through participation in events under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) and National Handicraft Development Programme (NHDP).

Under the National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme, financial assistance is provided to eligible handloom agencies/workers for raw materials, procurement of upgraded looms & accessories, solar lighting units, construction of workshed, product diversification & design innovation, technical and common infrastructure, marketing of handloom products in domestic/overseas markets, concessional loans under weavers' MUDRA scheme and social security etc. In addition, to promote entrepreneurship, self-employment, and facilitate better incomes, 163 Handloom Producer companies have been formed across the country.

According to Fourth All India Handloom Census 2019-20 report, there are 26,73,891 handloom weavers and 8,48,621 allied workers in handloom sector across the country. The State/UT-wise numbers of handloom weavers and allied workers as per 4th All India Handloom Census 2019-20 is enclosed below.

State/UT-wise number of handloom weavers and allied workers as per 4th All India Handloom Census 2019-20

SN	States/UTs	No. of handloom weavers	No. of allied workers	No. of total handloom workers

1	Andhra Pradesh	1,27,662	49,785	1,77,447
2	Arunachal Pradesh	77,600	17,016	94,616
3	Assam	11,07,428	1,76,453	12,83,881
4	Bihar	7,216	5,631	12,847
5	Chhattisgarh	14,077	7,426	21,503
6	Delhi	3,236	1,049	4,285
7	Goa	22	4	26
8	Gujarat	10,179	422	10,601
9	Haryana	14,414	11,128	25,542
10	Himachal Pradesh	13,211	477	13,688
11	Jammu and Kashmir including Ladakh	15,784	7,544	23,328
12	Jharkhand	12,364	10,133	22,497
13	Karnataka	27,175	27,616	54,791
14	Kerala	15,480	6,604	22,084
15	Madhya Pradesh	12,805	5,267	18,072
16	Maharashtra	2,882	627	3,509
17	Manipur	2,12,481	12,203	2,24,684
18	Meghalaya	41,221	1,553	42,774
19	Mizoram	17,298	10,242	27,540
20	Nagaland	35,950	7,534	43,484
21	Odisha	53,472	64,364	1,17,836
22	Puducherry	908	782	1,690

23	Punjab	631	338	969
24	Rajasthan	8,687	1,403	10,090
25	Sikkim	632	65	697
26	Tamil Nadu	1,97,818	45,757	2,43,575
27	Telangana	25,930	21,922	47,852
28	Tripura	1,11,927	25,712	1,37,639
29	Uttar Pradesh	1,30,778	60,179	1,90,957
30	Uttarakhand	7,967	4,594	12,561
31	West Bengal	3,66,656	2,64,791	6,31,447
	All India	26,73,891	8,48,621	35,22,512

This information was provided by THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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