

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *202
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026

PROMOTION OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS

*202. SHRI T R BAALU:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative to promote Skill Development and Entrepreneurship training programmes in fashion designing for the handloom weavers particularly, rural women to improve their livelihood opportunities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of number of handloom workers benefitted under the said programmes during the last three years and the current year along with the expenditure incurred by the Government on such schemes during the said period, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *202 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026 REGARDING 'PROMOTION OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS' ASKED BY SHRI T R BAALU

(a) to (c): Government of India actively implements several initiatives targeting skill development, and entrepreneurship training for handloom weavers, including fashion designing, with a special emphasis on empowering rural women. The Handloom Sector is one of the largest unorganized economic activities of India and it constitutes an integral part of the rural and semi- rural livelihood engaging over 35 lakh persons. The sector engages over 25 lakh female weavers and allied workers which make it an important source of economic empowerment of women.

- Under the Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country including handloom weavers. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills, including handloom weaving. State/UT-wise details of handloom workers trained under schemes of MSDE during the last three years and the current year (up to 30th June 2026) is given at **Annexure-I**.
- SAMARTH (Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector) is a demand-driven, placement-oriented skilling program of Ministry of Textiles that targets the sustainable creation of livelihoods and provides entry-level training, upskilling, and reskilling across the entire textile value chain including handloom and handicrafts. State/UT-wise details of handloom workers trained under Samarth during the last three years and current year up to 29th July 2026 is given at **Annexure-II**.
- National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) is the flagship Central Sector scheme implemented by the Ministry of Textiles to provide holistic, need-based support to handloom weavers. Under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) need based financial support is provided for various interventions like provision of upgraded looms & accessories, construction of worksheds, lighting units, product & design development as well as Concessional Credit under Weaver MUDRA Scheme from the Banks/financial institutions to the handloom sector to meet their credit requirement for term loan & working capital in a flexible and cost-effective manner (**Annexure III & IV**). The Government promotes the formation and strengthening of Handloom Producer Companies (HPCs) as a key institutional mechanism for organizing handloom weavers into professionally managed, member owned enterprises. 237 Handloom Producer Companies are formed under NHDP during 2020-21 to 2025-26. About 1.50 lakh weavers/handloom entities are on-boarded on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for marketing of handloom products to the Government Departments. The Government has also developed India handmade as a dedicated e-commerce platform for authentic handloom products, including GI-tagged products, enabling verified weavers and producer groups to sell directly to consumers. Overall, 5413 weavers have been onboarded onto India handmade platform during 2023-24 to 2026-27 (up to 30.06.2026).
- Craft Cluster Initiative: National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), in collaboration with the offices of DC-Handlooms and DC-Handicrafts emphasizes

on extensive fieldwork and collaboration between students and artisans across India. Through research and design projects, students work to uplift traditional crafts and blend them with contemporary design elements.

- Six Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT) (Varanasi, Salem, Bargarh, Fulia, Guwahati, Jodhpur) uphold academic excellence in handloom and textile education through three-year Diploma and four-year B. Tech programs.
- Funds under PMKVY are released to implementing agencies for meeting the training cost as per prescribed norms. Under JSS scheme, funds are released to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) directly. Under NAPS, stipend support up to Rs 1500/- per month is released to apprentices through DBT and not to the establishments covered. Day to day administration as well as financial control in respect of CTS scheme implemented through ITIs lies with the respective State Government/UT Administration. Total funds released for implementation of PMKVY, NAPS and JSS during the last three years and the current year (up to 30th June 2026) are given as under:

Schemes	Fund Released (Rs in Cr)			
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 (up to 30.06. 2026)
PMKVY	510.52	1538.00	265.57	78.28
JSS	154.3	139.5	148.2	36.32
NAPS	594.30	585.96	577.03	178.87

There is no state/district wise allocation of funds under NHDP and Samarth Schemes. Under NHDP, financial assistance is provided to trainees as wage loss compensation of Rs.300/- per day per trainee. Total funds released for implementation of Samarth Schemes from year 2023-24 till June, 2026 are given as under:

Schemes	Fund Released (Rs in Cr)			
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 (up to 30.06. 2026)
Samarth	114.99	260.26	255.42	78.07

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State-wise details of handloom workers trained/enrolled under various schemes of MSDE the last three years and the current year (up to 30th June 2026):

State/UT	PMKVY		JSS		NAPS		CTS (ITIs) (2023 to 2025)	
	Overall	female	Overall	Female	Overall	Female	Overall	Female
Andhra Pradesh	-	-	1,120	1038	1,138	714	-	-
Arunachal Pradesh	315	311	-	-	1	-	-	-
Assam	6,804	6,653	220	210	375	252	-	-
Bihar	20	20	2,260	2234	48	6	-	-
Chandigarh	-	-	23	23	-	-	-	-
Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	-	114	81	-	-
Delhi	-	-	760	574	118	33	-	-
Goa	-	-	40	34	51	49	-	-
Gujarat	-	-	440	440	23,503	9,105	-	-
Haryana	60	20	280	113	3,883	1,636	-	-
Himachal Pradesh	135	36	484	472	6,421	2,462	-	-
Jammu And Kashmir	-	-	-	-	84	46	-	-
Jharkhand	-	-	20	11	4	2	-	-
Karnataka	-	-	2,980	2925	8,474	3,851	-	-
Kerala	-	-	2,960	2825	510	81	-	-
Lakshadweep	-	-	186	179	-	-	-	-
Madhya Pradesh	-	-	1,660	1588	15,624	8,144	-	-
Maharashtra	166	53	880	750	10,295	4,299	180	69
Manipur	671	658	160	159	133	84	-	-
Meghalaya	57	57	-	-	66	66	18	18
Mizoram	321	281	40	39	6	6	-	-
Odisha	40	40	2,100	1685	54	49	60	40
Puducherry	-	-	-	-	36	4	-	-
Punjab	270	184	-	-	7,930	4,348	99	9
Rajasthan	709	396	780	619	6,080	1,305	-	-
Tamil Nadu	38	21	300	261	5,667	2,930	171	36
Telangana	-	-	280	280	772	339	-	-
DNH and DD	-	-	-	-	2,464	938	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	614	173	2,573	2501	3,897	1,990	67	13
Uttarakhand	-	-	700	686	1,138	664	-	-
West Bengal	362	279	100	84	2,022	1,178	-	-
Nagaland	51	46	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tripura	-	-	120	119	-	-	-	-
Overall	10,633	9,228	21,466	19,849	1,00,908	44,662	595	185

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State-wise details of Handloom weavers trained under Samarth Scheme during the last three years and current year (up to 29th July 2026):

S. No.	State/UTs	Handloom Weaver trained	
		Overall	Women
1	Andhra Pradesh	766	472
2	Assam	10487	10307
3	Bihar	670	394
4	Chhattisgarh	1274	926
5	Gujarat	849	581
6	Haryana	314	297
7	Himachal Pradesh	435	426
8	Jammu and Kashmir	692	537
9	Jharkhand	735	643
10	Karnataka	839	741
11	Kerala	832	816
12	Madhya Pradesh	920	559
13	Maharashtra	1737	1528
14	Manipur	620	611
15	Mizoram	802	778
16	Nagaland	654	600
17	Odisha	1099	880
18	Punjab	98	88
19	Rajasthan	594	407
20	Tamil Nadu	2236	1707
21	Telangana	1042	772
22	Tripura	478	468
23	Uttar Pradesh	1757	1212
24	Uttarakhand	369	341
25	West Bengal	763	535
Overall		31062	26626

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State/UT-wise details of upgraded looms & accessories, construction of worksheds, lighting units provided under NHDP during last three years

S No	State/UTs	No. of upgraded looms & accessories	No. of individual workshed	No. of lighting units
1	Andhra Pradesh	4184	709	625
2	Arunachal Pradesh	523	155	526
3	Assam	1096	694	-
4	Bihar	89	87	42
5	Chhatisgarh	2429	59	-
6	Gujarat	226	-	15
7	Haryana	56	7	-
8	Himachal Pradesh	364	251	76
9	Jharkhand	224	88	262
10	Karnataka	3044	18	95
11	Kerala	3756	464	697
12	Madhya Pradesh	-	60	-
13	Maharashtra	236	51	219
14	Manipur	25002	368	450
15	Meghalaya	-	60	-
16	Mizoram	30	170	-
17	Nagaland	200	17	-
18	Odisha	60	-	160
19	Rajasthan	142	54	76
20	Tamil nadu	5466	581	348
21	Telangana	1391	73	16
22	Tripura	210	27	-
23	Uttar Pradesh	127	76	142
24	Uttrakhand	36	39	-
25	West Bengal	-	108	-
Overall		48891	4216	3749

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State-wise number of loan and amount of loan sanctioned under NHDP during last three years and current year (up to 30.06.2026)

S No	Name of the State	No. of Loans sanctioned	Loan Amount (Rs Lakh) sanctioned
1	Andhra Pradesh	5987	5881.37
2	Bihar	44	45.40
3	Goa	01	1.90
4	Jammu & Kashmir	1336	1847.21
5	Karnataka	382	197.96
6	Kerala	883	573.57
7	Madhya Pradesh	150	181.90
8	Maharashtra	03	8.04
9	Odisha	34	29.00
10	Puducherry	01	1.00
11	Tamil Nadu	13790	8049.58
12	Telangana	680	784.66
13	Uttar Pradesh	164	208.35
14	West Bengal	12	4.75
15	Assam	861	413.70
16	Manipur	104	52.00
Total		24432	18280.39
