

PROMOTION OF HANDLOOM SECTOR IN NORTH EASTERN STATES

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Under the above schemes, financial assistance is provided for raw materials, purchase of looms and accessories, design innovation, product diversification, infrastructure development, skill upgradation, lighting units, marketing of handloom products and loan at concessional rates.

NATIONAL HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (NHDP)

Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata (HSS) was introduced on 1st December 2016 with an objective to provide looms/accessories to the weavers to enhance their earnings through improved productivity and quality of the handloom products. Under the scheme, 90% of the cost of loom/accessory is borne by the Government of India. During 2017-18 to 2019-20, number of HSS items distributed were (i) HSS (looms & accessories) to 8108 beneficiaries; (ii) worksheds to 240 beneficiaries; and (iii) lighting units to 420 beneficiaries in the NER States.

COMPREHENSIVE HANDLOOM CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT SCHEME:

The Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) is implemented for development of Mega Handloom Clusters in clearly identifiable geographical areas/locations covering atleast 15000 handlooms with the Government of India (GoI) with a contribution upto Rs.40 Crore per cluster over a period of 5 years. In Assam State, Sivasagar Mega Handloom cluster has been taken up covering Sivasagar district. Till date Rs. 22.18 Crore has been released for implementation of various interventions.

HANDLOOM WEAVERS' COMPREHENSIVE WELFARE SCHEME:

Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS) is providing life, accidental and disability insurance coverage under the components Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Converged Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY). During 2017-18 to 2019-20, 1197 natural death claims of

Rs.7.176 crore have been settled under the scheme in the NER States .

YARN SUPPLY SCHEME:

Yarn Supply Scheme is being implemented throughout the country (including NER States) to make available all types of yarn at Mill Gate Price. The scheme is being implemented through National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC). Under the scheme, 10% price subsidy is provided which is applicable on cotton, domestic silk, wool and linen yarn with quantity restrictions. During 2017-18 to 2019-20 and current financial year, 11.49 lakh kg. yarn of the value of Rs. 7199 lakh has been supplied under the scheme in NER states.

NORTH EASTERN TEXTILE PROMOTION SCHEME (NERTPS):

The North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) is an umbrella scheme implemented in project mode to promote textiles industry in the NER States by providing infrastructure, capacity building and marketing support to the industry. Funds are released for the following interventions under the scheme:

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