



Weavers in Tribal Areas

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As informed by Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles, as per 3rd Handloom Census, 2009-10, there are 6,96,932 Scheduled Tribe weavers/workers in the country who are involved in weaving activities including traditional weaving.

To promote the handloom sector, including traditional weaving, office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms has been implementing following schemes throughout the country, including tribal areas:-

- I. National Handloom Development Programme (NHP)
- II. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS)(limited to 8 Mega Handloom Clusters in 7 States)
- III. Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS)
- IV. Yarn Supply Scheme (YSS).

Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd.(TRIFED) has also promoted such traditional weaving by means of imparting training through the following modules:-

I.	Comprehensive Training Programme (CTP-60 days)	In each of the modules number of trainee weavers is limited to 20
II.	Design Workshop Training (DWT -21 days)	
III.	Product Development Programme (PDP-30 days)	

TRIFED has associated 5108 Traditional Tribal Weavers. It has trained 300 weavers of different tribal areas in their traditional weaving practices.

Ministry of Textiles has released an amount of Rs.33.95 crore under Scheduled Tribes Sub-Plan during the year 2017-18 under their schemes to promote the handloom sector, including traditional weaving. Besides this, TRIFED also allocates funds for their training modules per year as under;

I.	Comprehensive Training Programme	-	Rs.3.70 lakh
II.	Design Workshop Training		Rs.2.00 lakh
III.	Product Development Programme	-	<u>Rs.0.80 lakh</u>
Total : Rs.6.50 lakh			

This Press Release is based on the information given by the Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha on 21.12.2017 (Thursday).

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