

HANDLOOMS

Handloom Industry in the Union Territory, which is next to agriculture, is a source of livelihood for about thousands of people and it has tremendous potentials. The weaver cooperatives have been organised to ameliorate the economic condition of the weavers by extricating them from the clutches of the master weavers and to bring the weavers above the poverty line. At present the Pondicherry State Weaver Cooperative Society [PONTEX], Pondicherry Cooperative Handloom Export Development Project [PONFAB], 13 primary Weaver Cooperative Societies and one Pondicherry Cooperative Textile Processing Society Ltd. are functioning in the Union Territory of Puducherry. Two Cooperative Spinning Mills one at Puducherry and the other at Karaikal which are taking care of supplying the entire needs of yarn to the Handloom Weavers through the 14 Primary Weaver Cooperatives, apart from sales in the outside market. The Handloom Development Programmes aim at strengthening the structure of weaver Cooperative Societies, improving the quality of Handloom fabrics, modernisation of the handloom, upgradation of the weaving skills of the craftsmen and creation of more processing facilities. Further Market Development Assistance is given to facilitate the sale of Handloom products. Assistance to PONTEX/PONFAB for modernization of Showroom, for market study in foreign countries for the Export of handloom fabrics, purchase of yarn at concession rate is contemplated during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. Working capital assistance is extended to the Two Cooperative Spinning Mills for business Expansion, Modernisation-cum-Rehabilitation Programmes.

During the period of the XI Five Year Plan, the Handloom development Scheme, Weavers Welfare Scheme and Assistance to Cooperative Spinning Mills and the Handloom Development Schemes are aimed to assist PONTEX and PONFAB while the welfare schemes are to assist the members directly by granting pension, rainy season subsidy, E.S.I. coverage and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana Insurance Scheme etc. The Cooperative Spinning Mills are to be assisted for investment assistance for business expansion, new business activities, Modernization-cum-Rehabilitation and better performance of the Spinning Mills.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : HANDLOOMS
Department : CO-OPERATIVE

No. of Schemes : 3

(Rs. in lakh)

Tenth Plan 2002-07 Approved Outlay	:	1800.00
Annual Plan 2002-05 Actual Expenditure	:	2,654.55
Annual Plan 2005-06 Actual Expenditure	:	1,290.00
Annual Plan 2006-07 Approved Outlay	:	1,290.00
Annual Plan 2006-07 Revised Outlay	:	1,290.00
Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12 Proposed Outlay	:	12,800.00
Annual Plan 2007-08 Proposed Outlay	:	3,400.00

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of Scheme	Annual Plan 2005-06	Annual Plan 2006-07		Eleventh Plan 2007-12	Annual Plan 2007-08
		Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay	Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	Handloom Development Scheme	800.00	800.00	800.00	7,000.00	1400.00
2.	Handloom Weavers Welfare Scheme	140.00	140.00	140.00	1,000.00	274.00
3.	Investment Assistance to Cooperative Spinning Mills for Business Expansion, New Business activities and better performance	350.00	350.00	350.00	4,800.00	1,726.00
Total		1,290.00	1,290.00	1,290.00	12,800.00	3,400.00

Scheme No. 1

Sector : Handloom

Implementing
Department : Co-operative**1. Name of the Scheme** : Handloom Development Scheme**2. Objective of the Scheme** :

The scheme is to extend financial assistance to PONTEX and 14 Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies and one Pondicherry Cooperative Textile Processing Society Ltd. and Cooperative Spinning Mills as follows:

- (1) Working Capital assistance
- (2) Assistance for purchase of weaving appliances
- (3) Contributory Thrift Fund
- (4) Subsidy towards staff salary, rent and furniture for New Branches/Society
- (5) Construction of office-cum-godown/workshed
- (6) Assistance to write-off irrecoverable dues of members
- (7) Interest subsidy on working capital
- (8) Assistance for Opening of Retail Sales Depots
- (9) Contribution to Handloom Development Fund for Apex society
- (10) Purchase of site/extension of Office Building/extension or construction of additional godowns and Construction of Marketing Complex
- (11) Purchase of van/ lorry and generator
- (12) Assistance to PONFAB/PONTEX for Market study and for Export of Fabrics
- (13) Production Incentive to weavers
- (14) Setting up of Processing-cum-Yarn Dyeing Unit
- (15) Market Development assistance on sale of Handloom Cloth.
- (16) Yarn Subsidy to PONTEX/PONFAB
- (17) Publicity and Propaganda
- (18) Participation of Weavers Cooperative Societies in Exhibitions
- (19) Purchase of Computers/Fax/Xerox machine
- (20) Assistance to PONTEX for setting up of Design Development Cell.
- (21) Assistance to PONTEX for All India Handloom Fortnight Celebration.
- (22) Assistance for extention of Office-cum-godown/additional Workshed
- (23) Assistance for construction/Extention/repairing of office Building, Factory Shed, additional godowns.
- (24) Subsidy for purchase of house site by weaver members.
- (25) Assistance for setting up of a loom by the weaver of the Primary Weavers Coop. Societies.
- (26) Modernisation of Looms of Existing Weavers: (New pattern of assistance)

(Rs. in lakh)

3. Tenth Plan 2002-07

(a) 2002-05 (Actual Expenditure)	:	1860.90
(b) 2005-06 (Actual Expenditure)	:	800.00
(c) 2006-07 (Approved Outlay)	:	800.00
(d) 2006-07 (Revised Outlay)	:	800.00

- (e) **Actual Physical Achievement (2002-05)** :
One Apex & 14 Primary Weavers Cooperatives and one Textile Processing Society
- (f) **Actual Physical Achievement (2005-06)** :
One Apex & 14 Primary Weavers Cooperatives and one Textile Processing Society
- (g) **Anticipated Physical Achievement (2006-07)** :
One Apex & 14 Primary Weavers Cooperatives and one Textile Processing Society

4. **Proposed Outlay for the Eleventh Plan (2007-12)** : **7000.00**

Proposed Outlay for the Annual Plan (2007-08) : **1400.00**

5. **Programme envisaged for the Eleventh Plan (2007-12)** :

One Apex, 14 Primary Weavers Cooperatives, one Textile Processing Society Ltd. and two spinning mills

6. **Programme envisaged for the Annual Plan (2007-08)** :

One Apex, 14 Primary Weavers Cooperatives, one Textile Processing Society Ltd. and two spinning mills.

7. **Remarks** : Continuing scheme.

Scheme No. 2

Sector : Handlooms

Implementing
Department : Co-operative

1. **Name of the Scheme** : Handloom Weavers Welfare Scheme

2. **Objective of the Scheme** :

The Scheme is to extend (i) Financial assistance in the form of grant to the Apex Society, which will be utilised for social welfare measures, (ii) to provide assistance to weavers in the form of grant for taking shares in the Weavers Cooperative Societies, (iii) To provide assistance to the weavers during rainy season, (iv) To provide assistance for training of weavers and appraisers, and (v) Payment of additional stipend to the trainees at IIHT.

(Rs. in lakh)

3. **Tenth Plan 2002-07**

(a) 2002-05 (Actual Expenditure)	:	343.65
(b) 2005-06 (Actual Expenditure)	:	140.00
(c) 2006-07 (Approved Outlay)	:	140.00
(d) 2006-07 (Revised Outlay)	:	140.00

- (e) **Actual Physical Achievement (2002-05)** :
- Members of 14 Primary Weavers Cooperatives
- (f) **Actual Physical Achievement (2005-06)** :
- Members of 14 Primary Weavers Cooperatives and Texpro
- (g) **Anticipated Physical Achievement (2006-07)** :
- Members of 14 Primary Weavers Cooperatives and Texpro

(Rs. in lakh)

4. **Proposed Outlay for the Eleventh Plan (2007-12)** : **1000.00**
- Proposed Outlay for the Annual Plan (2007-08)** : **274.00**
5. **Programme envisaged for the Eleventh Plan (2007-12)** :
- Members of 14 Primary Weavers Cooperatives and Texpro
6. **Programme envisaged for the Annual Plan (2007-08)** :
- Members of 14 Primary Weavers Cooperatives and Texpro
7. **Remarks** : Continuing scheme.

Scheme No. 3

Sector : Handlooms

Implementing
Department : Co-operative

1. **Name of the Scheme** : Investment Assistance to Cooperative Spinning Mills for Business Expansion, New Business activities and better performance
2. **Objective of the Scheme** :

The scheme aims at providing financial assistance to Pondicherry Coop. Spinning Mill, in Puducherry and the Jayaprakash Narayan Cooperative Spinning Mill at Karaikal as Working Capital in the form of Share Capital . Another significant object of the scheme is to create employment for the people in the rural areas of the Puducherry and Karaikal Region and also to make use of the locally available cotton.

(Rs. in lakh)

3. **Tenth Plan 2002-07**
- (a) **2002-05 (Actual Expenditure)** : **450.00**
- (b) **2005-06 (Actual Expenditure)** : **350.00**
- (c) **2006-07 (Approved Outlay)** : **350.00**
- (d) **2006-07 (Revised Outlay)** : **350.00**

(e) Actual Physical Achievement (2002-05)	:	
2 Spinning Mills		
(f) Actual Physical Achievement (2005-06)	:	
2 Spinning Mills		
(g) Anticipated Physical Achievement (2006-07)	:	
		(Rs. in lakh)
4. Proposed Outlay for the Eleventh Plan (2007-12)	:	4800.00
Proposed Outlay for the Annual Plan (2007-08)	:	1726.00
5. Programme envisaged for the Eleventh Plan (2007-12)	:	
2 Spinning Mills		
6. Programme envisaged for the Annual Plan (2007-08)	:	
2 Spinning Mills		
7. Remarks	:	Continuing Scheme