

HANDLOOMS

The Handloom Development Programme aim at strengthening the structure of weaver cooperative societies, improving the quality of Handloom fabrics, modernization of the handloom, up gradation of the waving 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 and purchase of yarn at concessional rate is contemplated. Working capital assistance is extended to the two cooperative spinning mills for business expansion, modernization-cum-rehabilitation Programme, new business activities and better performance. In addition to the Handloom Development Scheme, schemes such as assistance to weaver during rainy season, pension to weavers, payment of re-natal and post-natal subsidy, grant of assistance to purchase house-site to the houseless weavers, issue of free dhothies and sarees, assistance to promote small family norms among handloom weavers, E.S.I coverage and Insurance Scheme are covered under weavers welfare scheme.

The weaver cooperatives have been organized 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 (PONTEX), 13 primary Weaver Cooperative Society Ltd. are functioning in the Union Territory of Puducherry, Two Cooperative Spinning Mills one at Puducherry and the other at Karaikal are taking care of supplying the entire needs of yarn to the handloom weavers through the 14 primary Weaver cooperative, apart from sales in the outside market.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2008-09

- Financial assistance for 16 Weavers Co-operative and 2 Spinning Mills were given.

LIKELY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2009-10

- Financial assistance for 16 Weavers Co-operative and 2 Spinning Mills will be granted.

PROPOSED TARGET FOR 2010-11

- Financial assistance for 16 Weavers Co-operative and 2 Spinning Mills will be provided.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : HANDLOOMS

No. of Schemes : 4

Department : CO-OPERATIVE

(Rs. in lakh)

Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12 Outlay	:	13807.36
Annual Plan 2007-08 Actual Expenditure	:	1289.93
Annual Plan 2008-09 Actual Expenditure	:	1310.14
Annual Plan 2009-10 Approved Outlay	:	2760.00
Annual Plan 2009-10 Revised Outlay	:	1260.00
Annual Plan 2010-11 Proposed Outlay	:	1750.00

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-12	Annual Plan 2007-08	Annual Plan 2008-09	Annual Plan 2009-10		Annual Plan 2010-11
		Outlay	Actual Expdr.	Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	Handloom Development Scheme	7500.00	603.93	804.55	550.00	550.00	600.00
2.	Weavers Welfare Schemes	1007.36	116.00	119.89	100.00	100.00	150.00
3.	Investment Assistance to Coop. Spinning Mills for Business Expansion, New Business activities and better performance	5300.00	570.00	385.70	610.00	610.00	1000.00
4.	Negotiated Loan	--	--	--	1500.00	--	--
TOTAL		13807.36	1289.93	1310.14	2760.00	1260.00	1750.00