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National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)

A Central Sector programme of the Ministry of Textiles that helps handloom weavers through cluster projects, with support for looms, lighting units, worksheds, design work and training.

What you may get

Through cluster projects, a weaver can get a new or upgraded loom and accessories, with the Centre paying 90% and the weaver 10%. A lighting unit is supported up to Rs 15,000 on the same 90:10 sharing. An individual workshed of 25 sq m gets Rs 1,20,000: fully paid by the Centre for BPL, SC, ST, women, transgender and differently abled weavers, and 75% for others. Trainees in SAMARTH skill courses get Rs 300 a day as wage-loss compensation.

Who it is for

Handloom weavers and workers in handloom clusters. A local committee led by the Weavers' Service Centre, together with the State Handloom Directorate, selects the beneficiaries.

Main conditions

- You must be a handloom weaver or worker and be ready to pay your 10% share for a loom, accessories or a lighting unit.
- Loom support is for loomless weavers, weavers who want to replace their loom or change the loom type, and those who need a wider or upgraded loom.
- A person studying a diploma, degree or certificate course in handlooms or textiles can ask for a loom after finishing the course.
- When there are more eligible weavers than the target, priority goes to loomless weavers, weavers who completed skill upgradation, one member per family and weavers aged 18 to 35 years.
- A person who has received a loom or accessories of one type does not get the same type again, but upgrading is allowed.
- For an individual workshed, the land must be in the name of the weaver or the spouse.
- Every individual beneficiary must show proof of an Aadhaar number or go through Aadhaar authentication.

Documents

- Photograph
- Self-attested copy of Aadhaar card
- Weaver or worker I-card

How to apply

1. Ask the State Directorate of Handlooms or the nearest Weavers' Service Centre whether a cluster project is running or planned in your area.
2. When the cluster agency or a newspaper notice invites applications, submit yours with your photograph, a self-attested Aadhaar copy and your weaver I-card.
3. A local committee led by the Weavers' Service Centre checks applications against the central weaver database and picks the beneficiaries.
4. After the project is sanctioned, pay your 10% share to the State Directorate, which orders the item from the supplier and arranges delivery.

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