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HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES

1. INTRODUCTION

The Indian Textile Industry has inherent linkage with agriculture, culture and traditions of the country making its versatile spread of products appropriate for both domestic and the overseas markets. The Textile industry contributes to 10% of manufacturing production, 2% of India's GDP and to 13% of the country's export earnings. With over 4.5 crore people employed directly, the Textile industry is one of the largest sources of employment generation in the country.

The vast sweep of Indian textiles extends from the hand woven sector on one hand to the capital intensive mill segment on the other. The segments include the decentralized powerlooms, hosiery and knitting sectors; the handloom and handicrafts segments; as also the wide range of fibres which include man-made fibre, cotton, silk, jute and wool.

Tamil Nadu holds the pioneer position in the Indian textile industry for decades by marking its overwhelming presence in all the sub sectors of the industry viz., spinning, handloom weaving, powerloom weaving, processing, knitwear and apparel garmenting.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is committed to developing a strong and vibrant textile industry which would contribute significantly to production, employment and economic growth of textile industry. In order to achieve sustainable growth, the Department of Handlooms and Textiles is implementing number of welfare schemes for the handloom and powerloom weavers and a number of promotional schemes for the development of all the sub-sectors of the textile industry. The Government's endeavour is to ensure conducive atmosphere and required infrastructural facilities to all the sectors of the textile industry so as to promote their holistic growth.

2. PRESENT STATUS OF VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

(i) HANDLOOM SECTOR

Handlooms forms a precious part of the generational legacy and exemplifies the richness and diversity of our country and the artistry of the weavers. Tradition of weaving by hand is a part of the country's multi cultural ethos. As an economic activity, handloom is one of the largest employment provider after agriculture. This sector generates employment to 43.31 lakh persons engaged on about 23.77 lakh handlooms. The sector contributes nearly 15 % of the cloth production in the country and besides contributes to the export earnings of the country. It is noted that 95% of the world's hand woven fabric comes from India.

(Source: Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Annual Report 2016-17).

The Handloom sector has a significant presence in our economy. It has been sustained

by transferring skills from one generation to another. The strength of the sector lies in its uniqueness, flexibility of production, openness to innovations, adaptability to the buyer's requirement and the wealth of its tradition.

The adoption of modern techniques and economic liberalization, however have made serious inroads into the handloom sector. Stiff competition from powerloom and mill sector, availability of cheaper imported fabrics, frequent changing of consumer's preferences and alternative employment opportunities have threatened the vibrancy of this sector.

The Handloom fabric production had seen very impressive growth at the rate of 6% to 7% in the beginning of the 11th Plan. The subsequent economic downturn has affected all the sectors in India and Handloom sector was no exception. Now, there is a positive sign and production has shown upward growth.



**National Award winner weaving in her handloom
at Kancheepuram**

The handloom sector of Tamil Nadu is of heritage value and the history of outstanding craftsmanship of handloom weaving in the State dates back by thousands of years. In our State, 2.44 lakh handlooms are functioning in 1,139 Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies. Out of 1,139 Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies, 1,053 are Cotton Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies and the balance 86 are Silk Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies. These societies mostly exist in rural and semi-urban areas, where

there is large concentration of handloom weavers. The development programmes and welfare schemes of the State and Central Governments intended for the handloom weavers are being implemented through the Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies.

During the year 2017-2018, the Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies have produced 790.35 lakh metres of Handloom cloth valued at Rs.695.50 crore and sold handloom goods to the extent of Rs.852.93 crore. There are 959 Weavers Co-operative Societies working on profit.

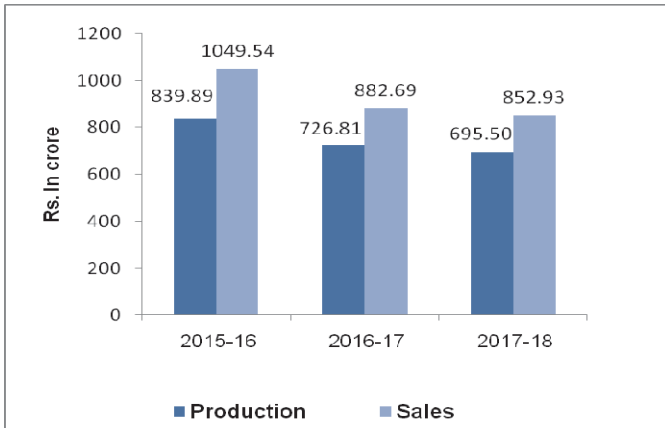
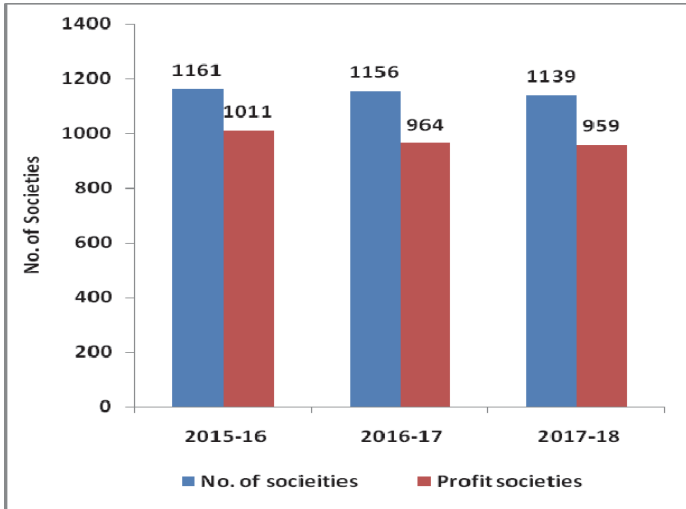
The 3,580 handlooms in Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies have produced and supplied 3.50 lakh Handloom Sarees valued at Rs.8.57 crore and 5.21 lakh Handloom Dhoties valued at Rs.9.72 crore for the implementation of Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme, Pongal 2018. Besides, 3.77 lakh metres of Drill cloth valued at Rs.2.61 crore and 2.31 lakh metres of

Casement cloth valued at Rs.1.22 crore were produced and supplied by 436 handlooms under Cost Free Supply of Uniform Scheme for the Academic Year 2017-2018.

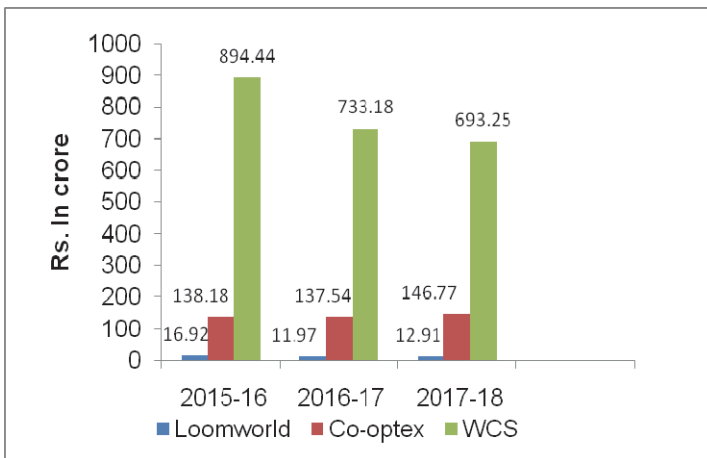
**Performance of Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies
as on 31.03.2018**

Circle	Districts Covered	Total No.of Handloom Societies	No.of Members	Production Value (Rs.in Crore)	Sales Value (Rs.in Crore)
Coimbatore	Coimbatore	59	23040	50.95	57.10
	Nilgiri				
Cuddalore	Cuddalore	56	11606	28.00	32.54
	Villupuram				
Dindigul	Dindigul	40	6597	18.97	22.81
Erode	Erode	190	65942	184.00	225.27
Kancheepuram	Kancheepuram	74	41552	73.92	105.69
Karur	Karur	55	11299	9.87	10.91
Kumbakonam	Thanjavur	48	13564	50.00	68.09
	Ariyalur				
	Perambalur				
Madurai	Madurai	36	11737	12.76	14.96
	Theni				
Nagercoil	Kanyakumari	40	6545	17.00	20.67

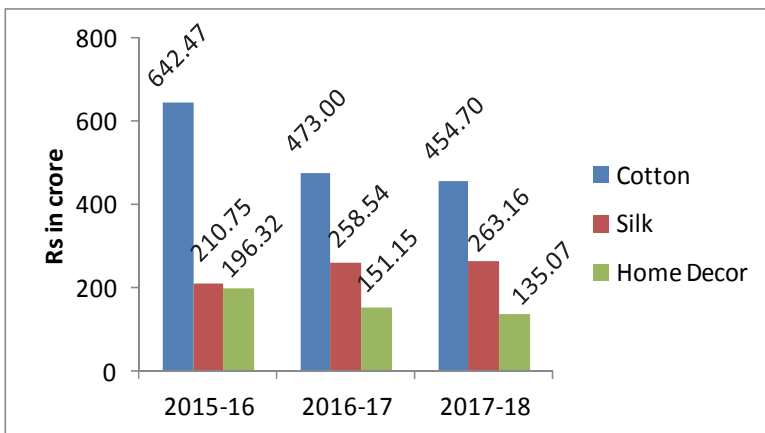
Circle	Districts Covered	Total No.of Handloom Societies	No.of Members	Production Value (Rs.in Crore)	Sales Value (Rs.in Crore)
Paramakudi	Ramanathapuram	86	11573	25.00	32.12
	Sivagangai				
Salem	Salem	62	25243	45.83	58.79
	Dharmapuri				
	Krishnagiri				
Tiruchengode	Namakkal	75	17890	26.66	30.66
	Salem				
Tirunelveli	Tirunelveli	45	7372	11.06	13.14
	Tuticorin				
Thiruvallur	Thiruvallur	61	5903	11.04	12.68
	Chennai				
Tiruvarur	Tiruvarur	6	1053	1.03	1.31
	Nagapattinam				
Trichy	Trichy	21	4120	2.24	2.59
	Pudukottai				
Thiruvanna-malai	Thiruvanna-malai	29	10481	15.24	17.51
Tiruppur	Tiruppur	46	16913	34.22	35.59
Vellore	Vellore	54	9910	16.09	18.78
Virudhunagar	Virudhunagar	56	17212	61.62	71.72
Total		1139	319552	695.50	852.93



**Performance of Handloom Weavers
Co-operative Societies for the past 3 years**



Agency wise Sales details for the past 3 years



Variety wise Sales details for the past 3 years



1000 Butta Paramakudi Cotton Saree



Aruppukottai Cotton Saree

PEDAL LOOM

Pedal loom is an improved type of Handloom by which the entire weaving activities are carried out by simply pressing the pedals up and down which synchronizes all the basic mechanism of the weaving. The weaving defects are less in Pedal loom and the production is more than twice. Hence, in order to reduce physical strain of Handloom Weavers and to increase the production by using upgraded technology thereby improve the wage earning capacity of the Handloom Weavers, the Government of Tamil Nadu have supplied 6000 Pedal looms to the Handloom Weavers of Weavers Co-operative Societies during the year from 2013-2014 to 2015-2016.

In Tamil Nadu, around 14,000 Pedal looms are functioning in the Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies out of which around 9,690 Pedal looms are engaged in the production of Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties during the

period from July to December and around 6,960 Pedal looms are engaged in Free Distribution of Uniform scheme varieties during the period from February to June in the Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies. The remaining number of Pedal looms are involved in the production of market varieties.

The Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies have produced 35.05 lakh Pedal loom Sarees valued at Rs.68.05 crore and 11.30 lakh Pedal loom Dhoties valued at Rs.16.16 crore under Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme, Pongal 2018. Besides, 41.03 lakh meters of Pedal loom Casement cloth valued at Rs.15.81 Crore and 69.15 lakh meters of Pedal loom Dupatta cloth valued at Rs.18.66 crore were produced under Cost Free Supply of Uniform Scheme for the Academic Year 2017-2018.

(ii) POWERLOOM SECTOR

The decentralized powerloom sector is one of the most crucial segments of the Textile industry in terms of fabric production and employment generation. It provides employment to 64.36 lakh persons and contributes 60% of total cloth production in the country. 60% of the fabrics produced in the powerloom sector are man-made. More than 60% of fabric meant for export is also sourced from powerloom sector. The readymade garments and home textile sectors are heavily dependent on the powerloom sector to meet their raw material requirement viz., fabric, etc.

There are approximately 25.74 lakh power looms in India. The level of technology of this sector varies from plain loom to high tech shuttleless looms. There are approximately 1.50 lakh shuttleless looms in this sector. It is estimated that more than 75% of the shuttle looms are obsolete and out dated with a vintage of

more than 15 years and have virtually no process or quality control devices / attachments.

The powerloom sector in Tamil Nadu has been playing an important role in meeting the clothing needs of the people. The powerloom sector of our State is next to Maharashtra in terms of number of powerlooms established. As against 25.74 lakh powerlooms in India, our State accounts for around 5.67 lakh power looms. 46,229 powerlooms are functioning in 210 Powerloom Weavers Co-operative Societies in our State.

The powerloom clusters are located mostly in Namakkal, Salem, Erode, Coimbatore, Vellore, Cuddalore, Kancheepuram, Thiruvannamalai, Madurai, Karur, Tiruvallur, Tirunelveli and Virudhunagar districts. Most of the powerlooms located in Salem, Karur, Tiruppur, Thiruvallur, Pallipalayam and Komarapalayam are engaged in export oriented production. Major chunk of the

Power looms in Tamil Nadu are plain looms with very few shuttleless looms.

The Powerloom Weavers Co-operative Societies mainly produce the cloth required under the Scheme of Free supply of Uniforms to School Children and Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme. During the year 2017-2018, the Powerloom Weavers Co-operative Societies produced 1440.43 lakh metres of cloth valued at Rs.399.22 crore for the Government Schemes and 42.19 lakh metres of cloth valued at Rs.23.08 crore for the open market and sold cloth valued at Rs.386.90 crore for the Government Schemes and Rs.38.00 crore in the open market.

**Performance of Powerloom Weavers Cooperative Societies
as on 31.03.2018**

Sl. No	Name of the circe	Total No of PWCS	No. of Members	Production				Sales	
				Govt Schemes		Open Market		Govt Schemes	Open Market
				In Lakh meter	Rs.in Crore	In Lakh meter	Rs.in Crore	Rs.in Crore	Rs.in Crore
1	Erode	48	6480	665.83	189.22	1.6	3.42	195.87	3.50
2	Coimbatore	20	1141	123.00	34.14	1.2	0.65	29.15	0.65
3	Salem	13	893	9.33	2.66	15.51	12.27	2.92	5.59
4	Tiruchengode	68	4225	521.58	139.62	23.42	6.68	141.31	28.20
5	Tiruppur	21	932	118.00	32.66	0	0	16.76	0
6	Madurai	5	79	2.69	0.93	0	0	0.887	0
7	Virudhunagar	1	23	0	0	0.46	0.06	0	0.06
8	Thiruvallur	34	1310	Nil					
Total		210	15083	1440.43	399.22	42.19	23.08	386.90	38.00



Powerloom, Erode



Rapier Shuttleloom, Tiruchengode



Shuttleless Loom, Erode



Auto Loom



Airjet Loom

(iii) SPINNING SECTOR

The organized textile sector in the country has more than 3400 textile mills both in the Small Scale and the Medium Scale units. The total installed capacity of spindles is the second largest in the world with more than 52.47 million spindles and 8,42,000 rotors. The mill sector produces nearly 2500 million square metres of cloth apart from 2500 million kilograms of man-made fibre and man-made filament yarn.

Tamil Nadu leads all the States in the Country with 2,027 textile mills and 24 million spindles, which includes 6 Co-operative Spinning Mills and 7 National Textiles Corporation Mills.



Spinning Unit

The State produces about 2,003 million kilograms of spun yarn annually contributing to 35% of the total spun yarn produced in India. Tamil Nadu ranks number one in the production of cotton yarn and man-made fibre yarn and second in blended yarn at the National level. Tamil Nadu continues to be number one State in the country in export of cotton yarn.

(iv) GARMENTS AND HOSIERY SECTOR

Garment sector is a highly labour-intensive one that provides a gateway for the developing countries to enter into the global trade.

Indian sub continent is the second largest manufacturer of garments in the world. Majority of the garment manufacturers in India belong to the Small and Medium scale units. India's garment sector is a well-organized enterprise and is among the best in the World. It comprises designers, manufacturers, suppliers, stockists, wholesalers and exporters. Indian Garment sector has carved a niche in the global market and earned a reputation for its texture, durability and quality. The frequent changes witnessed in this sector by consumer preferences; availability of various branded apparel and fashion accessories, boom in retail segment; affordability of the people shopping at departmental and discount stores, shopping malls, with rising disposable incomes; Government

policies being focused on fast-track textile exports, have all created a conducive climate for inviting huge investment opportunities in the Garment sector in our country.



A Garment Stitching Unit at Tiruppur

Garment sector plays a vital role in the economy of developing nations. In India, the apparel and garment sector employs nearly 1.23 crore workforce and produces 36 lakh tonnes of apparel and garments. The ready-made garmenting segment contributes to 43% of the Indian textile exports, which include cotton garments and accessories, man made fibre

garments and other textile clothing. India's garment sector has witnessed rapid growth in the recent past.

In our State, the garment sector is an important growing segment of the Textile Industry. Out of 13,000 garment units in India, 6,500 units are located in Tamil Nadu of which, 3500 units are in Tiruppur and about 3000 units are located in Madurai, Karur, Salem, Erode, Coimbatore and Chennai, providing employment to around 6 lakh persons.

The total exports and domestic turnover in Tiruppur during the year 2017-2018 was about Rs.34,000 crore. Knitwear exports from Tiruppur decreased by about 5.6% from previous year 2016-2017 due to competition and changes in the duty and tax structures.

(v) PROCESSING SECTOR

The processing sector determines the core product value, product quality and has tremendous scope for innovations and control over the end

product. Processing is an important value added segment in the textile value chain.

In Tamil Nadu, processing facility is mainly in the unorganized hand dyeing/hand printing sector. Pre-loom and post-loom facility has not grown adequately to meet the demand of the textiles industry.

The Processing of Textiles involves two types:

- 1 The Bleaching and Dyeing of Yarn for the production of yarn dyed dress materials and home textiles
- 2 The Bleaching, Dyeing, Printing of grey fabric into sarees, lungies and other home textiles

The present availability of the processing facilities is very insufficient and only the installation of large-scale processing facilities will help the industry grow systematically in the State.



Processing Unit

There are about 10,397 hand processing units and 2,510 power processing unit in India. Out of which, 2,614 hand processing units and 985 power processing units are located in Tamil Nadu.

3. THE DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES

The Department of Handlooms and Textiles has been functioning under the administrative control of the Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department of Government of Tamil Nadu.

The primary objective of the Department of Handlooms and Textiles is to promote the harmonious growth of Handloom, Powerloom and Textile Sectors and to work for the welfare of the weavers.

The Director of Handlooms and Textiles is the Functional Registrar for the Textile related Co-operatives in the State and is vested with powers delegated as per the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Act 1983 and Rules 1988. The Director of Handlooms and Textiles also functions as the **“State Textile Authority”** and as such he has a general responsibility to facilitate the smooth functioning of the Spinning and Textile Mills, Hosiery Units, Handlooms and Powerlooms in the State. The Department has the overall responsibility for ensuring the availability of raw materials to all sectors of the industry, augmenting the production of yarn and fabrics at reasonable prices, as well as creating an environment to promote the sale of end products. It has a special responsibility to the

Co-operative Sector – supply of yarn and other raw materials to the Weavers Co-operative Societies and also arranging for marketing of the finished products through Co-optex, Loom World, Society Showrooms and other selling outlets. To ensure the availability of yarn, the production of yarn was taken up by the Co-operative Spinning Mills.

The Department of Handlooms and Textiles also promotes the socio-economic well being of the Weavers and is in-charge of implementing various welfare and development schemes for their welfare through 20 Circle Deputy Directors / Assistant Directors of Handlooms and Textiles, located at Kancheepuram, Salem, Vellore, Thiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Kumbakonam, Tiruvarur, Tiruchirappalli, Karur, Tiruchengode, Thiruvallur, Erode, Tiruppur, Coimbatore, Dindigul, Madurai, Paramakudi, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli and Nagercoil.

The Department of Handlooms and Textiles has been enforcing the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 to protect the handloom weavers and handloom industry from the onslaught of powerlooms through the Deputy Director (Enforcement) and Assistant Enforcement Officers, namely, Chennai, Salem, Tiruchengode, Erode, Tiruppur and Madurai.

The various institutions functioning under the administrative control of the Department are as follows:-

- 1,139 Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies
- 45 Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies have 99 own Sales Showrooms and 134 Agency Sales Showrooms
- 210 Powerloom Weavers Co-operative Societies
- 6 Co-operative Spinning Mills – Anna (Theni), Bharathi (Ettayapuram), Pudukkottai (Aranthangi), Kanyakumari

(Aralvoymozhi), Krishnagiri (Uttangarai) and Ramanathapuram (Achankulam)

- Tamil Nadu Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society Limited (Co-optex), Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu Handloom Development Corporation Limited (TNHDC), Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu Textile Corporation Limited (TNTC), Coimbatore.
- Tamil Nadu Zari Limited (TNZL), Kancheepuram.
- Tamil Nadu Co-operative Textile Processing Mills Limited (TCTP), Erode
- Tamil Nadu Co-operative Spinning Mills Federation Limited (TANSPIN), Chennai

4. SPECIAL SCHEMES IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT

4.1 Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme

The Cost Free distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme has been introduced during the year 1983 as one of the flagship scheme by the Government of Tamil Nadu. This scheme is being implemented for distribution of Sarees and Dhoties to the poor people living in rural and urban areas in Tamil Nadu on the eve of Pongal festival every year. The entire quantity of Sarees and Dhoties required for this scheme are being produced by the Handloom and Powerloom Weavers Co-operative Societies. This scheme ensures continuous employment to 14,000 Handloom and 54,000 Powerloom Workers besides fulfilling the clothing needs of 3.09 Crore poor people residing in the rural and urban areas in Tamil Nadu.



Cost Free Sarees and Dhoties

The Government has made a provision of Rs.490.45 crore in the Budget Estimate 2017-2018 for the implementation of the above scheme for Pongal 2018. The Department undertook the tasks of procurement of yarn and production of Sarees and Dhoties required for the scheme. In order to carry out the tasks of procuring the Sarees and Dhoties produced by the Weavers Co-operative Societies and supplying the above procured Sarees and Dhoties to the Revenue Department under this scheme, Co-optex and TNTC are appointed as nodal agencies. Around 154.72 lakh Sarees and 154.84 lakh Dhoties were

produced and supplied to the Revenue Department as given below:-

Sl. No.	Variety	Quantity (in lakh)		Tentative Value (Rs. in crore)	
		Sarees	Dhoties	Sarees	Dhoties
1	Handloom	3.51	5.21	8.60	9.72
2	Pedal loom	35.11	11.32	68.19	16.19
3	Powerloom	116.10	138.31	191.17	135.13
Total		154.72	154.84	267.96	161.04

A sum of Rs.490.45 crore has been allocated in the Budget Estimate for the year 2018-2019 for implementing the above scheme continuously for Pongal 2019.

Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties to Old Age Pensioner

The Sarees and Dhoties required for Old Age Pensioners on the eve of Deepavali 2017 and Pongal 2018 have also been supplied through Handloom and Powerloom Weavers Co-operative Societies. During the year 2017-2018, 40.60 lakh sarees and 15.82 lakh dhoties were produced and

supplied to the Revenue Department through Co-optex.

4.2 Cost Free Supply of Uniform to School Children

The Government is implementing the scheme of Free Supply of Uniforms every year to school children, who are the beneficiaries of Dr.Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Nutritious Meal Programme studying in standard 1st to 8th from the year 1985-1986. As per the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, 4 sets of uniforms are being provided from the academic year 2012-2013.

The uniform cloth varieties required for the scheme namely Drill, Casement, Duppatta, and shirting are produced by 10,000 Handloom weavers and 25,600 Powerloom workers. The Government have sanctioned and released Rs.282.59 crore for the implementation of the scheme for the Academic Year 2017-2018. About

498.81 lakh metres of uniform cloth varieties for a value of Rs.282.59 Crore have been produced and supplied under this scheme during the academic year 2017-2018 as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the loom	Quantity of Uniform Cloth (in lakh Metres)	Value (Rupees in Crore)
1	Handloom	6.88	6.42
2	Pedal loom	108.40	55.15
3	Powerloom	383.53	221.02
Total		498.81	282.59

The Government have accorded permission to continue the Free supply of Uniform Scheme for the Academic Year 2018-2019 and also approved New Uniform Colours for students studying in I to V standard. Accordingly, the students studying 1st to 5th standard will be provided with uniform in Aqua Green and Meadow Green shades and the students studying 6th to 8th standard will be given uniform in Light Brown and Maroon shades.



**New Uniform Colours for students
studying in I to V standard**



**Uniform Colours for students
studying in VI to VIII standard**

Accordingly, production plan has been given to Handloom and Powerloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies for manufacturing the grey cloth and production, processing works are being undertaken. Supply of 1st set requirement of 130.00 lakh metre uniform cloth has been completed. Supply of 2nd set will be completed by June and the supply of third and fourth set will be completed by September.

The Uniform cloth required by Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department and Most Backward Classes and De-notified Communities Welfare Department are also being supplied by the Department.

The Uniform cloth requirement of various Departments for the academic year 2018-2019 is furnished below:-

Name of the Department	Total cloth requirement (in lakh metres)	Number of Students
Social Welfare (including Adi Dravidar Welfare) (I to VIII Std)	494.57	40,21,426
Most Backward Classes and De-notified Communities Department (IV to X Std)	3.54	19,003
Backward Classes Hostel Students from IV to X std.	3.71	20,298
Adi Dravidar Department (IX to XII std. Students)	13.50	67,043
Total	515.32	41,27,770

4.3 Free Electricity to Handloom weavers

The Government of Tamil Nadu implemented the scheme for supply of free electricity upto 100 units (bi-monthly) for handloom weavers till 22.05.2016. The Government have enhanced the free supply of electricity to handloom weavers from 100 units to 200 units bi-monthly with effect

from 23.05.2016. Under this scheme, 1,11,394 handloom households are being benefited.

The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.2.88 crore in the Revised Estimate for the year 2017-2018.

This scheme will be continued in the year 2018-2019, for which, a provision of Rs.4.84 crore has been allocated in Budget Estimate.

4.4 Free and Subsidised Electricity to Powerloom weavers

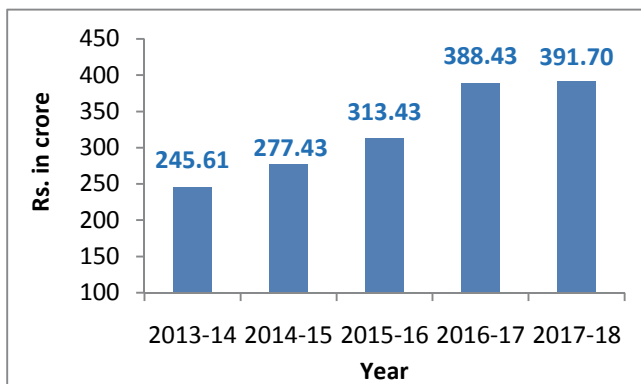
The powerloom weavers were provided with the supply of free electricity upto 500 units (bi-monthly) by the Government of Tamil Nadu till 22.05.2016. The Government have enhanced the supply of free electricity to powerloom weavers from 500 units to 750 units including fixed charges with effect from 23.05.2016. Under this scheme, 1,24,877 powerloom units/shed are being benefited.

The Powerlooms are also given rebate in the tariff as mentioned below:-

Unit	Tariff per unit	Government subsidy per unit	Tariff per unit payable by the weavers
	(Amount in Rupees)		
1 - 500	5.20	5.20	Free
501 - 750	5.75	5.75	Free
751 - 1000	5.75	3.45	2.30
1001 - 1500	5.75	2.30	3.45
1500 and above	5.75	1.15	4.60

The Government have sanctioned and released a sum of Rs.387.09 crore to the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) for free electricity and for rebate in tariff for powerloom weavers for the year 2017-2018.

This scheme will be continued in the year 2018-2019, for which, a provision of Rs.436.44 crore has been made in the Budget Estimate.



Free supply of Electricity to Handloom / Powerloom weavers

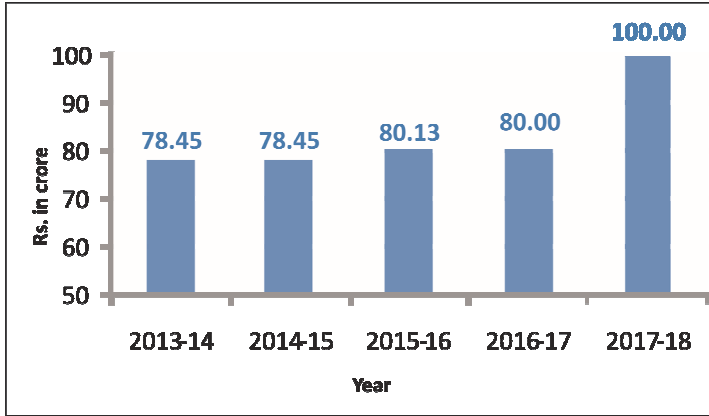
4.5 Rebate Subsidy Scheme

The Government of Tamil Nadu is providing subsidy towards rebate to promote the sale of handloom cloth. This scheme enables the Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies and Co-optex to improve marketing of handloom products in order to ensure continuous employment to the Handloom Weavers. This scheme not only enables the Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies and Co-optex to liquidate the stock but also aims at

protecting the handloom sector from cut throat competition from the mill and powerloom sectors.

The State Government permit the Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies and Co-optex to allow rebate at the rate of 20% for the sale of handloom cloth throughout the year for the retail and wholesale, subject to the limitation of 20% or Rs.100/- per unit for cotton varieties and 20% or Rs.200/- per unit for silk varieties whichever is less.

On the eve of birthday of Perarignar Anna, an additional 10% special rebate over and above the normal rebate of 20% i.e., 30% rebate is allowed for a period of 139 days from 15th September to 31st January every year. Under this special rebate, 30% or Rs.150/- per unit whichever is less for cotton varieties and 30% or Rs.300/- whichever is less for silk varieties is allowed.



Rebate subsidy on sale of Handloom cloth

Under this scheme a sum of Rs.100.00 crore has been provided in the Revised Estimate for the year 2017-2018. This scheme will also be continued during the year 2018-2019, for which, a provision of Rs.150 crore has been made in the Budget Estimate.

4.6 Interest Subsidy Scheme

The Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies are getting working capital assistance from District Central Co-operative Banks (DCCB) under National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

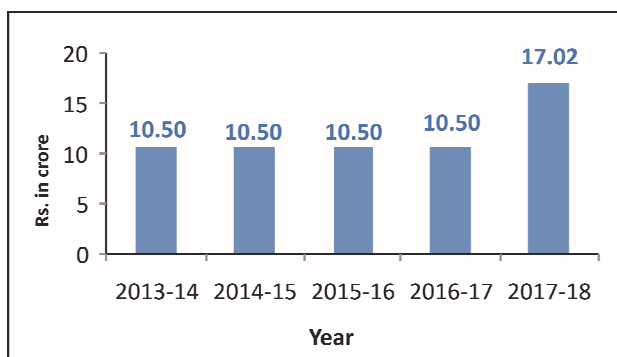
(NABARD) refinance Scheme and also from District Central Co-operative Bank's (DCCB) own funds. In order to reduce the interest burden of the Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies and to ensure continuous employment to handloom weavers, "Interest Subsidy Scheme" is being implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

During the year 2017-2018, for 1,103 Primary Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies, Cash Credit of Rs.443.07 crore was sanctioned by the District Central Co-operative Banks.

The Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies are being provided 4% interest Subsidy on the rates charged by District Central Co-operative Banks on Cash credit. In order to speed up the process of payment, the power of sanction of "interest subsidy" was delegated to Director of Handlooms and Textiles from November 2012 onwards and the Interest subsidy is being

sanctioned on monthly basis, instead of quarterly basis.

Interest Subsidy to the extent of Rs.17.02 crore has been released to the Primary Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies during the year 2017-2018.



Interest subsidy sanctioned to the Primary Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies

This scheme will be continued during 2018-2019 and a provision of Rs.10.50 crore has been made in the Budget Estimate for the year 2018-2019.

4.7 The Best Exporters Award

To encourage the handloom exports and to augment the sale of handloom products in the

international market, a scheme for awarding the Best Exporters is being implemented by the Government, since 1975.

This scheme covers both private exporters and the Weavers Co-operative Societies and Co-optex in Tamil Nadu. Every year, 3 best private exporters are selected and awarded First, Second and Third Prizes by distributing trophies and certificates. Apart from the above three awards, one more award is given to best Co-operative institution for their export performance.

The Government have allotted a sum of Rs.1.00 lakh per annum for this purpose. During the year 2017-2018, Trophies and Certificates were distributed to the 3 best Handloom Exporters of Tamil Nadu and Co-optex.

A provision of Rs.1.00 lakh has been made in the Budget Estimate for the year 2018-2019.

4.8 Prize Award Scheme for the Best Weavers for Designing

The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing the Prize Award Scheme for best weavers to encourage them to weave new designs in cotton and silk varieties, since 1993.

Under this scheme, the first prize of Rs. 5000/- second prize of Rs.3000/-and third prize of Rs.2000/- are being distributed to the best handloom weavers in each category who have developed new and innovative designs in cotton and silk varieties. During the year 2017-2018, a sum of Rs.2 lakh was distributed to 60 best handloom weavers for new designs.

The expenditure under this scheme is being met out from the Co-operative Research and Development Fund of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union.

This scheme will be continued during the year 2018-2019.



Award winning handloom saree



Award winning handloom saree



National Award winner sharing techniques with a handloom weaver at Kancheepuram

4.9 State Level Best Weaver Award

The State Government have introduced a scheme for “the State Level Best Weaver Award” by giving cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/- with a certificate from the year 2013-2014, to motivate the handloom weavers who have significantly contributed for the development of Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies in terms of production and sales.

For the year 2017-2018, the State Level Best Weaver Award was awarded to Thirubhuvanam Silk Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society's member.

This scheme will be continued during the year 2018-2019 and a provision of Rs.1.00 lakh has been made in the Budget Estimate for the year 2018-2019.

5. DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT

5.1 NATIONAL HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Government of India have formulated the revised guidelines for the implementation of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) during the year 2017-2018 to 2019-2020. The Government of India is implementing the Cluster Development Programme under the newly formulated National Handloom Development

Programme for the welfare of handloom weavers both within and outside the Co-operative fold.

The Cluster Development Programme focuses on formation of Weaver's Groups, so that the groups become self-sustainable. Clusters would be set up in a place where there is a large production of handloom fabrics in tune with the market demands. A place where there is a concentration of handlooms in a Block can be identified for setting up of Block Level Handloom Cluster (BLHC). The maximum permissible financial assistance of Government of India per Block Level Handloom Cluster Rs.200 lakh as indicated Below:-

Sl. No.	Component	Financial Assistance (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Technological upgradation	70.00
2	Common Facility Centre including Common Service Center	50.00
3	Skill Up-gradation Programme	35.00

Sl. No.	Component	Financial Assistance (Rs. in Lakh)
4	Engagement of Designer	15.00
5	Project Management Cost	15.00
6	Yarn Corpus Fund	5.00
7	Product Development / CATD	10.00
TOTAL		200.00

Apart from this, an amount of Rs.50.00 lakh can be availed for setting up of dye-house with ETP at district level.

Towards implementation of Block Level Handloom Cluster, financial assistance is provided for conduct of baseline survey, diagnostic study, awareness programme, technology upgradation for on-loom activities such as providing Motorised Jacquard Lifting Machine on the existing handloom, providing various accessories for handlooms, product development / diversification, engagement of Textile Designer-cum-Marketing Executive, purchase of Computer Aided Textile Design System (CATD), Card Punching System, corpus

fund for yarn depot, setting up of Common Facility Centre including Common Service Centre (CSC)/ Dye House, assistance for construction of work shed, etc.

Under "Hathkargha Samvardhan Sahayata", financial assistance to the extent of 90% of cost of technological Up-gradation shall be borne by Government of India while remaining 10% shall be borne by the beneficiary.

The details of admissible items with cost as per guidelines of Government of India is as mentioned below:-

Component		Cost
a)	Pneumatic jacquard system for a set of 4 handlooms	Rs.40,000/-
b)	Motorized jacquard on the existing handloom	Rs.15,000/-
c)	Take-up & let off motions on the existing handloom (including fitting charges)	Rs.5,000/-
d)	Multiple box motion	Rs.3,000/-
e)	Multiple buti weaving sley	Rs.7,000/-

Component		Cost
f)	Twin cloth weaving mechanism (including fitting charges)	Rs.5,000/-
g)	Jacquard with complete set including installation	Rs.15,000/-
h)	Dobby	Rs.5,000/-
i)	Healds reeds, bobbins, shuttles etc. (set)	Rs.4,000/-
j)	Frame Loom	
a)	Upto 60"	Rs.25,000/-
b)	above 60"	Rs.40,000/-
K)	Asu Machine (Mannual)	Upto Rs.10,000/-
l)	Asu Machine (Motorized)	Upto Rs.30,000/-
m)	Warp beam & fabric beam	Upto Rs.5,000/-
n)	Normal warping machine	Upto Rs.25,000/-
o)	Motorized warping machine	Upto Rs.45,000/-
p)	Motorized Pirn Winding machine	Upto Rs.3,000/-
q)	Motorized Prin- cum bobbin/ dubba Winding machine	Upto Rs.4,000/-
	Street Sizing Kit (brush, sticks, spray gun etc.)	Upto Rs.10,000/-
r)	Any other item recommended by the Expert Committee and approved by the DC (Handlooms)	



**Workshed constructed at Watrap Block
under Virudhunagar Mega Handloom Cluster**

The Government of India have sanctioned and released funds during the year 2015-2016 to 2017-18 towards implementation of Block Level Handloom Cluster (BLHC) and Mega Handloom Clusters under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)/ Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) as mentioned below:-

Details of Cluster Programmes

(Rs.in Lakh)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Total Project Cost	Amount released by GoI	Expenditure so far made
I.	10 BLHCs under National Handloom Development Programme	1579.14	1480.36	609.00
II.	22 BLHCs under Trichy Mega Handloom Cluster	1678.78	1323.79	785.00
III.	16 BLHCs under Virudhunagar Mega Handloom Cluster	1755.00	546.91	306.00
IV.	4 New BLHCs under National Handloom Development Programme	513.09	240.69	54.71
	Common Interventions for Trichy Mega Handloom Cluster (TMHC)			
i)	Souvenir Shop at Thanjavur	130.00	117.00	92.00
ii)	Marketing Complex at Thirubuvanam	600.00	48.00	0

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Total Project Cost	Amount released by GoI	Expenditure so far made
iii)	3 District Level Dye-House with ETP	150.00	75.00	28.77
iv)	Marketing Intervention components	200.00	62.80	59.95
Common Interventions for Virudhunagar Mega Handloom Cluster (VMHC)				
i)	Souvenir Shop at Karaikudi	183.00	73.20	14.50
ii)	2 Marketing Complexes at Madurai & Tirunelveli	800.36	130.00	10.00
iii)	5 District Level Dye-House with ETP	250.00	125.00	45.57
iv)	Marketing Intervention components	734.54	584.89	533.00
v)	Design Studio at Paramakudi	25.00	18.00	18.00
vi)	Linking Handloom with Fashion utilizing NIFT/NID	140.00	0	0
	Total	8738.91	4825.64	2576.50

As per the projects approved by the Government of India, the following Block level cluster programmes are being implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

(Rs in Lakh)

S. No	Name of the Block Level Handloom Cluster	Total Project Cost approved by Government of India	Government of India Share released	No. of Beneficiaries
I	10 Block Level Handloom Cluster (BLHC)			
1	West Arni	147.08	139.89	678
2	Palladam	181.50	169.20	844
3	Kancheepuram	162.33	153.16	810
4	Karamadai - I	181.40	169.39	910
5	Ayothiyappattinam	171.24	160.68	954
6	Chennimalai	170.74	159.44	877
7	Tiruppur Block	181.50	169.44	874
8	Paramakudi	123.25	115.59	1189
9	Kuruthancode	78.70	72.95	343
10	Pollachi North	181.40	170.62	912
II	Trichy Mega Handloom Cluster (TMHC)			
11	Thiruvaidaimarudhur - I	130.53	57.24	407
12	Thiruvaidaimarudhur- II	64.29	58.00	811
13	Thiruvaidaimarudhur-III	94.73	85.41	1020
14	Thirupanandal	125.33	54.16	363

S. No	Name of the Block Level Handloom Cluster	Total Project Cost approved by Government of India	Government of India Share released	No. of Beneficiaries
15	Ammapettai	116.35	50.12	292
16	Jayankondam	60.62	54.99	841
17	Andimadam	126.96	54.90	445
18	T.Palur	18.74	17.03	239
19	Sendurai	21.60	19.58	279
20	Thathaiyangarpettai	126.88	55.60	239
21	Musiri	12.79	11.45	71
22	Thottiyam	19.65	17.60	423
23	Karur - I	129.37	56.70	243
24	Karur - II	50.82	46.23	300
25	Thanthoni	45.28	40.77	272
26	Aravakurichi	36.81	33.14	246
27	Palani	33.49	30.15	661
28	Dindigul - I	89.99	79.99	2273
29	Dindigul - II	90.24	80.22	2129
30	Athoor	91.07	81.28	1673
31	Thoppampatti	123.07	53.25	357
32	Mannargudi	70.16	63.56	669
III	Virudhunagar Mega Handloom Cluster (VMHC)			
33	Aruppukottai Block - I	105.00	45.00	220
34	Aruppukottai Block - II	105.00	45.00	220

S. No	Name of the Block Level Handloom Cluster	Total Project Cost approved by Government of India	Government of India Share released	No. of Beneficiaries
35	Aruppukottai Block-III	105.00	45.00	220
36	Aruppukottai Block- IV	105.00	45.00	220
37	Srivilliputhur Block	105.00	45.00	220
38	Rajapalayam Block - I	105.00	45.00	220
39	Rajapalayam Block - II	105.00	45.00	220
40	Watrap Block	105.00	45.00	220
41	Sankarankoil Block	105.00	45.00	220
42	Paramakudi Block	105.00	45.00	220
43	Karaikudi Block	105.00	45.00	220
44	Watrap - III Block	120.00	8.58	40
45	Aruppukottai-V Block	120.00	8.58	40
46	Watrap-II, Block	120.00	8.58	40
47	Paramakudi Block-III	120.00	8.58	40
48	Paramakudi Block - II	120.00	8.58	40
IV	4 New Block Level Handloom Cluster (BLHC)			
49	Arni - I	167.84	80.47	703
50	Arni - II	117.84	55.47	410
51	Nangavalli	120.38	54.20	432
52	Kancheepuram - II	107.03	50.55	412
Total		5526.00	3360.32	27221

Component-wise details for the above Block Level Handloom Clusters are being implemented by the Government of Tamil Nadu:-

S. No	Component	Amount sanctioned by G.O.I (Rs.in Lakh)	No. of Beneficiaries
TECHNOLOGY UP-GRADATION			
1	Motorized Jacquard	277.10	2070
2	Jacquard on Existing Loom	114.60	1864
3	Dobby on Existing Loom	20.20	449
4	Headls & Reeds	312.92	9091
5	Purchase of Frame Loom		
	a) Up to 60"	221.99	1001
	b) Above 60"	232.41	574
6	Construction of Workshed	425.39	632
7	Lighting Units	153.44	4598
8	Take-Up & Let Off	11.70	260
9	Warp & Fabric Beam	64.95	1475
10	Multi Butti Weaving Sley	13.72	186
11	Any Other Intervention	12.02	615
12	Motorized Pirn Winding Machine	12.15	270
13	Motorized Pirn Cum Bobbin/Duba Winding Machine	2.84	79
14	Motorized Warping Machine	27.98	110
	TOTAL	1903.41	23274

Setting up of 25 Common Service Centre (CSC) in various Block Level Handloom Cluster (BLHC)

As announced during the year 2017-2018, the Government of India approved the setting up of Common Service Centres (CSCs) at a cost of Rs.3.78 lakh each in 25 locations of Block Level Handloom Cluster (BLHC) at a total Central share of Rs.94.50 lakh and released first installment of Rs.35.50 lakh to M/s CSC e-Governance Service India Ltd., an authorized agency of Government of India. Accordingly, the Agency has started setting up of Common Service Centre (CSC) in the following locations approved by the Government of India in the select Handloom Clusters as indicated below:-

S. No.	Name of the Common Service Centres	Name of the District
1	Palladam Block	Tiruppur
2	Kancheepuram Block	Kancheepuram
3	Karamadai - I Block	Coimbatore

S. No.	Name of the Common Service Centres	Name of the District
4	Ayothiyopattinam Block	Salem
5	Chennimalai Block	Erode
6	Tiruppur Block	Tiruppur
7	Pollachi North Block	Coimbatore
8	Thiruvaidaimarudhur-I	Thanjavur
9	Tiruppanandal	
10	Ammapettai	
11	Andimadam	
12	Thoppampatty	Dindigul
13	Karur Block – I	Karur
14	Thathaiyangarpet	Trichy
15	Aruppukottai Block – I	Virudhunagar
16	Aruppukottai Block – II	
17	Aruppukottai Block–III	
18	Aruppukottai Block – IV	
19	Srivilliputhur Block	
20	Rajapalayam Block – I	
21	Rajapalayam Block – II	
22	Watrap Block	

S. No.	Name of the Common Service Centres	Name of the District
23	Sankarankoil Block	Tirunelveli
24	Paramakudi Block	Ramanathapuram
25	Karaikudi Block	Sivagangai

Marketing Complex at Madurai and Tirunelveli

As announced during the year 2017-2018, the Government of India sanctioned for setting up of Marketing Complex at Madurai, Tirunelveli in Virudhunagar mega handloom cluster under Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) at a total project cost of Rs.800.36 lakh consisting of Central share of Rs.647.76 lakh and Promotor / SPV / Beneficiaries share of Rs.152.58 lakh. Co-optex, Chennai is the implementing agency. The preliminary work for Construction of Marketing Complexes at Madurai and Tirunelveli is in progress.

Setting up of “DESIGN STUDIO AT PARAMAKUDI”

As announced during the year 2017-18, the Government of India have approved the project for setting up of Design Studio at Paramakudi in Virudhunagar Mega Handloom Cluster (VMHC) under Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) at a project cost of Rs.25 lakh. Accordingly, Design Studio has been set up at Paramakudi with required paraphernalia.



Design Studio at Paramakudi



Inside view of Design Studio at Paramakudi

Towards implementation of Cluster Development Programme, a provision of Rs.2 crore has been allocated in the Budget Estimate for the year 2018-2019.

5.2 Marketing Incentive (MI) under National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP)

Marketing Incentive is one among the components of National Handloom Development Programme. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to the handloom agencies (Primary Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies and Tamil Nadu Handloom Weavers Cooperative

Society Ltd.,) for preparing conditions which are conducive for marketing of handloom products. This scheme helps the primary weavers co-operative societies to sustain themselves in the open market. This scheme also helps them to marginally reduce the price of the handloom products and to improve the marketability.

The quantum of financial assistance provided under this scheme is based on the 10% of the average sales turnover of last 3 years. The funding pattern will be shared between the Government of India and State Government on 50:50 basis.

During the past 3 years, Marketing Incentive has been released to Primary Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies and Co-optex as detailed below:-

(Rs.in crore)

Sl. No.	Year	Number of Weavers Co-operative societies	State share of Marketing Incentive Released	Central Share of Marketing Incentive Released
1	2014-2015	872	40.85	40.85
2	2015-2016	862	44.53	44.53
3	2016-2017	868	49.01	Yet to be released by Government of India
4	2017-2018	282	2.35	

The Government of India have revised the guidelines for implementation of National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP) for the period from April 2017 to March 2020. As per the revised guidelines, Marketing Incentive will be given to those agencies, which really need marketing support and it will be given maximum for 3 years, so that the agencies sustain on their own afterwards. As per the revised guidelines, an upper cap of Rs.30 lakh of annual turnover is fixed for eligibility for release of Marketing Incentive.

A provision of Rs.30.00 crore has been provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2018-2019.

5.3 Handloom Marketing Assistance

National Handloom Development Programme of Government of India is being implemented from April 2017 to March 2020. The objective of the Handloom Marketing Assistance is to develop and promote the marketing channels in domestic as well as export market and bring about linkage between the two in a holistic and integrated manner to increase the sale of handloom product. The Handloom Marketing Assistance has the following sub-components:

- i. Domestic marketing promotion
- ii. Marketing infrastructural development
- iii. Market access initiative
- iv. Handloom export promotion

Under “Domestic marketing promotion” component, the Government is implementing the “Domestic Marketing Promotion Component; National Handloom Exhibitions, Special Handloom Exhibitions and district level events. The financial assistance provided for conducting these exhibitions are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of the event	Financial Assistance (Rs.in lakh)
1.	National Handloom Expo	45.00
2.	Special Handloom Expo	12.00
3.	District Level Events	3.50

Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided for infrastructural support, Stall Rent, Electricity charges, publicity, etc., and fully funded by Government of India.

During the year 2017-2018, One National Handloom Expo and 6 Special Handloom Expo were conducted as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Nature of Event and Place		Amount Sanctioned by GOI	Sales Generated
	Place of Event	Type of Expo		
1.	Chennai	National Handloom Expo	45.00	127.16
2.	Kumbakonam	Special Handloom Expo	12.00	48.70
3.	Dindigul	Special Handloom Expo	12.00	31.65
4.	Trichy	Special Handloom Expo	12.00	39.13
5.	Madurai	Special Handloom Expo	12.00	45.39
6.	Nagercoil	Special Handloom Expo	12.00	30.68
7.	Coimbatore	Special Handloom Expo	12.00	35.34
Total			117.00	358.05

During the year 2018-2019, one National Level Expo and six Special Handloom Exhibitions are proposed to be conducted.



Special Handloom Expo at Coimbatore



Special Handloom Expo at Dindigul

5.4 Common Effluent Treatment Plants at Tiruppur

Tiruppur textile cluster, being the prominent knitwear manufacturing and export hub in the country, is known as the Knitwear capital and it caters to the needs of the leading textile brands in the world. In order to cater to the processing requirements of these garment units, there are about 742 dyeing units, employing over one lakh people and is a very important constituent of the textile value chain.

The growth of the textile dyeing industry resulted in polluting the River Noyyal which adversely affected agriculture. The establishment of few Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) with conventional physical – chemical treatment did not address the problem effectively. Therefore, the industry had proposed to set up 18 CETPs with Reverse Osmosis (R.O) systems by getting loans to the tune of Rs.500.36 crore.

As the Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) systems in textiles were implemented for the first time in India and as such there was lack of technical know-how and experience, the Common Effluent Treatment Plants could not achieve Zero Liquid Discharge. Hence, the Hon'ble High Court ordered for closure of all the CETPs in January 2011. Due to the verdict of Hon'ble High Court, the CETPs remained closed for about one and half years.

The Dyers Association of Tiruppur (DAT) requested the Government to facilitate them to reduce the financial burden and to restart the CETPs. Based on the request, the Central and State Governments had sanctioned a sum of Rs.300 crore as subsidy to the 18 Common Effluent Treatment Plants, of which the Central Government share was Rs.187.50 crore and the State Government share was Rs.112.50 crore. The sanctioned subsidy has been released to banks and adjusted against the principal loan outstanding of the 18 Common Effluent Treatment Plants.

In order to ensure Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) by adopting Nano or Brine Reuse Technology and to install additional machinery in the existing CETPs, the State Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.203.29 crore which is 75% of the Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) project cost of Rs.271.05 crore, as Interest Free Loan to all the 18 CETPs.

Subsequently, the industry utilized this opportunity and installed and upgraded the machines to their existing Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) technology. The Government have so far released a sum of Rs.203.29 crore and disbursed Rs.168.34 crore to the 18 CETPs.

The details of Subsidy and Interest Free Loan sanctioned:-

Sl. No.	Name of the CETPs	No of Units	Project cost (Rs. in crore)	Effluent Discharge Capacity (MLD)	Central & State Share Subsidy Release			State Govt. Interest Free Loan
					GOI subsidy	GoTN subsidy	Total subsidy	
					(Rs. in crore)			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1	Veerapandi	72	74.86	12.00	20.04	12.02	32.06	23.14
2	Angeripalayam	77	60.72	10.00	15.42	9.25	24.67	18.10
3	Park	3	26.59	2.00	6.97	4.18	11.15	4.75
4	Mannarai	28	28.74	4.20	8.28	4.97	13.25	8.32
5	S.Periapalayam	7	14.15	1.50	3.94	2.36	6.30	7.52
6	Sirupooluvapatti	24	53.01	5.00	13.05	7.83	20.88	11.94
7	Karaipudur	25	33.00	4.50	7.64	4.59	12.23	12.84
8	Andipalayam	20	23.00	4.50	5.03	3.02	8.05	6.35
9	Vettuvapalayam	9	6.90	1.50	1.47	0.88	2.35	3.31

Noyyal (SPV)					50.89	30.54	81.43	0
10	Arulapuram	15	46.09	5.50	0	0	0	11.33
11	Kallikadu	12	22.08	3.00	0	0	0	4.87
12	Murugam palayam	67	89.22	11.00	0	0	0	22.65
13	Rayapuram	25	46.46	5.50	0	0	0	11.33
Mangalam Eastern (SPV)					22.43	13.46	35.89	0
14	Mangalam	17	35.49	4.00	0	0	0	8.90
15	Eastern	27	54.82	5.80	0	0	0	11.09
Tiruppur Industrial (SPV)					32.34	19.40	51.74	0
16	Chinnakarai	29	53.64	8.00	0	0	0	16.47
17	Kasipalayam	14	33.84	4.40	0	0	0	9.06
18	Kunnankal palayam	19	40.23	5.50	0	0	0	11.32
TOTAL		490	742.84	97.90	187.50	112.50	300.00	203.29

Owing to the prolonged closure, the Common Effluent Treatment Plants were unable to remit the loan dues (both Principal & Interest) to the Banks. The Dyers Association of Tiruppur again requested the Government to sanction special grant of Rs.200 crore to settle the bank loan outstanding.

The Government of India sanctioned and released a sum of Rs.200 crore as Interest Free Loan to 18 CETPs at Tiruppur which will be converted into grants in the succeeding years based on the performance parameters. This amount includes Rs.147.49 crore for One Time Settlement (OTS) of loan over dues for 11 banks and Rs.52.51 crore for completion of upgradation works. The entire amount was utilized for upgradation of machinery in all 18 Common Effluent Treatment Plants. The details are given as below:-

**SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM
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(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the CETP	Project Cost as per DPR	OTS to Banks	Details of ZLD project cost apportioned	Total Interest Free Loan
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1	Arulpuram	15.10	5.95	2.93	8.88
2	Chinnakkarai	21.96	7.70	4.25	11.95
3	Rayapuram	15.10	5.95	2.92	8.88
4	Veerapandi	30.85	8.49	5.98	14.46
5	Kasipalayam	12.08	4.24	2.34	6.58
6	Kunnangalpalayam	15.10	5.30	2.93	8.23
7	Murugampalayam	30.20	11.91	5.85	17.76
8	Eastern	14.79	7.59	2.86	10.45
9	Sirupooluvapatti	15.92	20.54	3.08	23.62
10	Karaipudhur	17.12	22.46	3.32	25.77
11	Mangalam	11.87	5.06	2.30	7.36
12	Angeripalayam	24.14	10.55	4.67	15.23
13	Kallikkadu	6.50	3.25	1.26	4.51
14	Andipalayam	8.47	14.23	1.64	15.87
15	Mannarai	11.10	3.99	2.15	6.14
16	Park	6.33	3.94	1.23	5.17
17	Vettuvapalayam	4.40	1.47	0.86	2.33
18	S.Periyapalayam	10.02	4.87	1.94	6.81
TOTAL		271.05	147.49	52.51	200.00

In all the 18 Common Effluent Treatment Plants, the installation of additional machinery to achieve Zero Liquid Discharge are in progress. As many as 6 Common Effluent Treatment Plants have fully completed successfully. In the remaining CETPs, 5 CETPs have achieved more than 90%, 3 CETPs have completed 80% and 3 CETPs have completed 70% and the remaining one CETP has completed 50% physical achievement of Zero Liquid Discharge of effluents.

Present Status of Progress of Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) in 18 CETPs and amount so far released

Sl. No.	Name of the CETP	Interest Free Loan sanctioned by GoTN (Rs. in Crore)	Interest Free Loan disbursed to CETPs (Rs. in Crore)	Physical target Completion	Member contribution (Rs. in Crore)	Financial Completion	Consent to operate permitted by TNPCB
1.	Arulpuram	11.33	11.33	100%	4.12	120%	90%
2.	Park	4.75	4.75	100%	2.36	112%	90%
3.	Mannarai	8.32	8.32	100%	5.95	137%	60%
4.	Siru pooluvapatti	11.94	11.12	100%	8.16	113%	50%
5.	Veerapandi	23.14	21.31	100%	10.21	108%	60%
6.	Kallikadu	4.87	4.87	100%	1.31	93%	50%
7.	Karaipudur	12.84	12.83	95%	5.23	92%	70%
8.	Eastern	11.09	9.44	95%	4.85	113%	75%
9.	Andi palayam	6.35	4.59	95%	2.58	104%	30%

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10.	Kasi palayam	9.06	7.24	90%	1.76	62%	80%
11.	Rayapuram	11.33	9.54	90%	2.72	68%	50%
12.	Mangalam	8.90	7.06	85%	3.08	84%	30%
13.	Chinnakarai	16.47	12.21	85%	2.42	65%	50%
14.	Angeri palayam	18.10	15.24	80%	10.85	101%	40%
15.	Vettuva palayam	3.31	1.74	75%	1.54	81%	15%
16.	Murugam palayam	22.65	15.52	70%	4.32	63%	50%
17.	Kunnangal palayam	11.32	9.05	70%	1.58	61%	50%
18.	S.Periya palayam	7.52	2.18	50%	0.79	33%	15%
Total		203.29	168.34		73.83		



Filtration section at Arulpuram CETP



Ultra-Filtration section at Arulpuram CETP

5.5 Integrated Processing Development Scheme

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced a scheme in the floor of the Legislative Assembly for the rehabilitation of micro, small, medium scale textile bleaching, dyeing and its allied units in the districts of Namakkal, Erode, Salem and Karur on 11.08.2014. This scheme will serve the needs of the textile units that have been closed for a very long time or facing threat of closure, due to discharge of effluents without treatment into the rivers, other watercourses and agricultural lands in the region and causing pollution in water, soil and atmosphere.

The Tamil Nadu Water Investment Company Limited (TWIC) was appointed as consultant to prepare the Diagnostic Study and Feasibility Reports (DSFR) and Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for the above projects. The Director of Handlooms and Textiles has been nominated as

Nodal Officer for implementation of the above scheme.

In order to implement the project, The Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board has so far released a sum of Rs.4.96 crore from the Project Preparation Fund to carry out the Diagnostic Study and Feasibility Report (Rs.92 lakh) and for Detailed Project Report (Rs.4.04 crore) to Tamil Nadu Water Investment Company Limited.

The Tamil Nadu Water Investment Company Limited (TWIC) had identified 1900 Textile units which were engaged in dyeing and bleaching activities in the following 12 clusters in these four Districts.

S. No.	Name of the Cluster	No. of Dyeing and Bleaching Units
ERODE DISTRICT		
1	Kadayampatti Cluster	59
2	Bhavani Cluster	82
3	Perundurai Cluster	44

S. No.	Name of the Cluster	No. of Dyeing and Bleaching Units
4	Erode Taluk Cluster	549
5	Chennimalai Cluster	33
NAMAKKAL DISTRICT		
6	Kumarapalayam Cluster-I	158
7	Pallipalayam Cluster	150
8	Kumarapalayam Cluster-II	132
9	Rasipuram Cluster	22
KARUR DISTRICT		
10	Existing CETPs – 8 Nos. (under closure)	238
SALEM DISTRICT		
11	Salem Cluster	283
12	Edappadi Cluster	150
Total		1,900

The Tamil Nadu Water Investment Company Limited (TWIC) has undertaken door to door survey of these 1900 units and submitted Diagnostic Study and Feasibility Reports and

Detailed Project Reports of the Erode and Namakkal Districts.

The Government of India have approved the Detailed project report of Kadayampatti Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) in Erode District at a Project cost of Rs.160 crore.

The detailed project reports for Sri Bhavani Dyeing Cluster in Erode District, Green Environmental Association in Namakkal District and Southern District Textile Processing Cluster in Virudhunagar District were submitted to the Government of India at a Project cost of Rs.92.21 crore, Rs.157.39 crore and Rs.151.86 crore respectively and in-principle approval for Sri Bhavani Dyeing Cluster and Southern District Textile Processing Cluster have been accorded by the Government of India.

5.6 Scheme of Integrated Textile Parks

The Government of India have introduced "Scheme for Integrated Textile Park (SITP)" in the

year 2005 by merging two existing schemes viz., Apparel Park for Export Scheme (APES) and Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) so as to provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructural facilities at one place.

The scheme would create new Textile parks of International standards at potential growth centres. The scheme envisages Public Private Partnership mode with Government of India assistance of 40% of the project cost, subject to a maximum of Rs.40.00 crore as grant. The Government of Tamil Nadu also provides 9% of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs.9.00 crore, as grant. The Department also assists the entrepreneur / Special Purpose Vehicle in getting various clearances and providing 50% concession on stamp duty in land registration.

The Government of India have approved 8 Textile Parks under the Scheme of Integrated Textile Parks for Tamil Nadu. The details of Textile Parks sanctioned in Tamil Nadu are given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Project Cost	Central Govt Grant	State Govt Grant	Direct / Indirect Employment (No. of persons)	Remarks
			(Rs. In crore)				
1	Hi-Tech Weaving Park at Palladam, Tiruppur District	2006	55.42	22.17	4.98	6,000	Project: Manufacturing of cotton cloth on shuttleless looms, garmenting and madeups. Status: Construction fully completed and all 90 units are fully operational.
2	Hi-Tech Weaving Park at Kumara palayam, Namakkal District	2006	34.82	13.93	3.13	3,000	Project: Spinning, Weaving Warping and Sizing. Status: Out of the 56 units 52 units are operational.
3	Madurai integrated Textile Park Vadipatti	2007	78.76	31.50	7.08	8,500	Project: Composite park comprising of Weaving, Processing & Garmenting. Status: Construction fully completed and all the 18 units are fully operational.
4	Integrated Textile Park at Karur, Karur District	2007	116.10	40.00	9.00	7,000	Project: Weaving madeup for Home Textiles. Status: Construction fully completed and all the 35 units are fully operational.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Project Cost	Central Govt Grant	State Govt Grant	Direct / Indirect Employment (No. of persons)	Remarks
			(Rs. In crore)				
5	GILT Integrated textile Park at Chengapalli, Tiruppur District	2006	149.45	40.00	9.00	12,500	<p>Project: Weaving, Processing, Dyeing and Automated bed linen</p> <p>Status: At present, out of the 20 units 5 units are operational.</p>
6	SIMA Processing Park at Cuddalore, Cuddalore District	2007	111.60	40.00	9.00	15,000	<p>Project: Processing of Woven, Knitted fabric and Yarn.</p> <p>Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The infrastructure works such as site development, internal roads and drainage works are completed • Marine Outfall pipeline laying work completed. • Arrangements being made for temporary and permanent supply of water.
7	Perarignar Anna Handloom Silk Park at Kilkathirpur, Kancheepuram District	2010	83.83	33.53	7.54	10,000	<p>Project: Silk Handloom Sarees Weaving, Silk Dyeing, Cotton Dyeing, Embroidery, Garmenting and Sizing.</p> <p>Status: Construction will be commenced</p>

Sl . No.	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Project Cost	Central Govt Grant	State Govt Grant	Direct / Indirect Employment (No. of persons)	Remarks
			(Rs. In crore)				
							shortly.
8	Pallavada Technical Textile Park at Pallavada, Erode District	2011	106.27	40.00	9.00	5,300	<p>Project: Garmenting and Technical Textiles.</p> <p>Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government of India 1st installment released. • Construction work under progress.
TOTAL			736.25	261.13	58.73	67,300	

5.7 Mini Textile Parks

Based on the Hon'ble Chief Minister's announcement under Rule 110 of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules on 01.09.2015, Government orders have been issued approving sanction of financial assistance to entrepreneurs to set up Mini Textile Parks. Financial assistance to the tune of 50% of project cost, subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.2.50 crore will be provided to avail cost of infrastructural facilities. The decision of Government has been disseminated to the District Collectors and they have conducted Meetings with the entrepreneurs for formation of Mini Textile Park. Efforts are being taken to identify the prospective entrepreneurs with adequate facilities.

5.8 State Textile Advisory Committee

The Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules announced on the floor of the house on

01.09.2015 that to sustain and further strengthen the prominent position of various sectors of textile industry viz., Handloom, Powerloom, Spinning, Knitting and Garment "State Textile Advisory Committee" will be formed.

Accordingly, Government issued G.O.No.3 (Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department) dated: 05.01.2016 by constituting State Textile Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles with various stakeholders of Handloom, Powerloom, Spinning, Weaving, Knitting and Garment sector as members.

The primary objective of the Committee is to give suggestions to the Government for the improvement of textile industry in the State. The Committee is an advisory body for the textile industry, will meet periodically once in 3 months (or) as and when necessary to discuss and

address the issues of the textiles industry in the State to enable its growth and development.

The second State Textile Advisory Committee meeting has been conducted on 15.06.2017 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles with various Textile industry stakeholders such as Handlooms, Powerlooms, Spinning, Knitting and Garment sectors. Efforts are being taken to improve the textile industry and its allied industries based on their representations.

5.9 Technical Textiles

Technical Textile is a sunrise segment of the Textile sector, offering a lot of opportunities for domestic utilization of technical textiles as well as exports.

Technical Textile focuses on 12 application areas: viz., Agrotech, Buildtech, Clothtech, Geotech, Hometech, Indutech, Meditech,

Mobiltech, Oekotech, Packtech, Protech, and Sporttech.

As per the announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles on the floor of the Assembly on 29.06.2017, an amount of Rs.25.00 lakh has been sanctioned to develop the Technical Textiles wing in Tamil Nadu in association with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management, Coimbatore in order to provide training to the entrepreneurs on Technical Textiles. The programme is planned to be carried out in three phases. PHASE-I: Pilot Program on Technical Textiles, PHASE-II: Development of Business Plan and PHASE-III: Execution of Business Plan.

As part of Phase-I, a two-day Workshop on "Technical Textiles" was inaugurated on 10.03.2018 by the Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles and presided by the Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration, Rural Development and Special Programme

Implementation at the Sardar Vallabhai Patel International School of Textiles and Management (SVPISTM), Coimbatore.



The sectoral training planned in the Phase-I programme aims to focus on 3 major areas such as Medi-Tech, Indu-Tech and Pack-Tech owing to their potential and growth opportunities.

Promotion of Technical Textiles will pave the way for tapping the unexplored area in the textile value chain.

Action Plan for 2018-2019

During the year 2018-2019, Industrial visit to Technical Textile manufacturing unit, exposure visits to other states Centre of Excellence (CoE), Market study and analysis, Investors meet, Buyer-seller meet, etc., would be organised to promote Technical Textiles.

5.10 PowerTex India (Comprehensive Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development)

Taking into consideration of the various socio-economic problems faced by the powerloom weavers and the low technology levels in the

sector, the Government of India introduced the Integrated Scheme for Powerloom Sector Development (ISPSD) was launched during 11th Five Year Plan and it was extended with additional components in the name of PowerTex India during 12th Five Year Plan. The scheme is highly beneficial to the decentralized powerloom sector. This scheme is being implemented for 3 years from 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2020.

Under the "In-situ Upgradation of Plain Powerlooms" financial assistance of Rs.20,000/- to Rs.81,000/- is being provided for upgrading existing powerlooms to semi-automatic/shuttleless Rapier loom. Under this Scheme, as many as 4489 Powerlooms in Tamil Nadu have been upgraded.

Interest free corpus fund of maximum Rs.2 crore per Yarn bank is being provided under Yarn Bank Scheme to Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) / Consortium to purchase yarn at wholesale rate. Under this scheme, Erode

Powerloom Weavers Co-operative Society, Veerappanchatram Powerloom Weavers Co-operative Society and Siragirivelavan Powerloom Weavers Co-operative Society in Erode circle have set up Yarn Banks and issue yarn to weavers through the Yarn Banks.

Under the Solar Energy Scheme for Powerlooms, financial assistance/capital subsidy in the range of Rs.2.25 lakh to 8.55 lakh is being provided for installation of On Grid Solar Photo Voltaic Plant (without Battery back up) and Off Grid Solar Photo Voltaic Plant (with Battery back-up) by small powerloom units.

Insurance coverage to the Powerloom weavers/workers upto Rs.2 lakh in case of natural death, Rs.2 lakh for accidental death and upto Rs.2 lakh for partial/permanent disability due to accident is being provided under Converged group Insurance Scheme. As many as 57,100 powerloom weavers/workers in Tamil Nadu have been enrolled under this scheme.

Tamil Nadu holds the No.1 position in the Country by enrolling more number of beneficiaries under this scheme.

5.11 Implementation of Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act,1985

The Government of India have enacted the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 and implemented by the State Governments through the Director of Handlooms of the respective State Government and is aimed at establishing Enforcement Machinery in the States to ensure that the powerloom adhere to the Act and to protect the handloom weavers and handloom industry from the powerloom sector, and rich cultural heritage attached with the handloom industry of the country.

The Government of Tamil Nadu have been enforcing the above Act by the Directorate of Handlooms and Textiles and formed a separate

Enforcement machinery headed by the Deputy Director/Enforcement Officer with Headquarters at Chennai and 5 subsidiary offices at Salem, Tiruchengode, Erode, Tiruppur and Madurai by the Assistant Enforcement Officers as per the powers given by the Government of India to enforce this act.

While introducing the above Act in 1985 by the Government of India, 22 varieties had been reserved for Handlooms under this Act. Only from 3rd September 2008 onwards, 11 varieties were exclusively reserved by the Government of India for Handlooms.

(1)	Saree	(2)	Dhoty
(3)	Towel/Gamcha and Angavastram	(4)	Lungi
(5)	Chaddar Mekhala/Phanek	(6)	Jamakkalam/Durry or Durret
(7)	Dress Material	(8)	Barrack Blanket, Kambal or Kamblies
(9)	Shawl, Loi, Muffler, Pankhi etc.	(10)	Woollen Tweed
(11)	Khes/Bedsheet/Bedcover/Counterpane/Furnishing (including tapestry, upholstery)		

To propagate the provisions of Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 among the powerloom weavers/workers in the powerloom concentrated areas awareness campaigns have been conducted. Inspections are being carried out continuously in powerloom concentrated areas and FIRs filed against the violators.

The details of powerlooms inspected, FIRs filed, No. of cases convicted and awareness campaigns conducted under Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 during 2017-2018 are as under.

Sl. No	Name of the Region	Target for inspection of powerlooms 2017-18	Proportionate target	No. of powerlooms inspected	No. of FIRs filed 2017-18	No. of cases convicted (including last year pending cases)	No. of awareness campaigns conducted	No. of participants
1.	Chennai	744	744	782	1	1	1	25
2.	Erode	16,272	16,272	16,849	12	15	22	979
3.	Madurai	8,400	8,400	9,789	31	22	14	458
4.	Salem	12,720	12,720	13,005	7	15	24	870
5.	Tiruchengode	16,032	16,032	16,640	14	22	25	730
6.	Tiruppur	14,940	14,940	15,208	9	9	24	542
TOTAL		69,108	69,108	72,273	74	84	110	3604

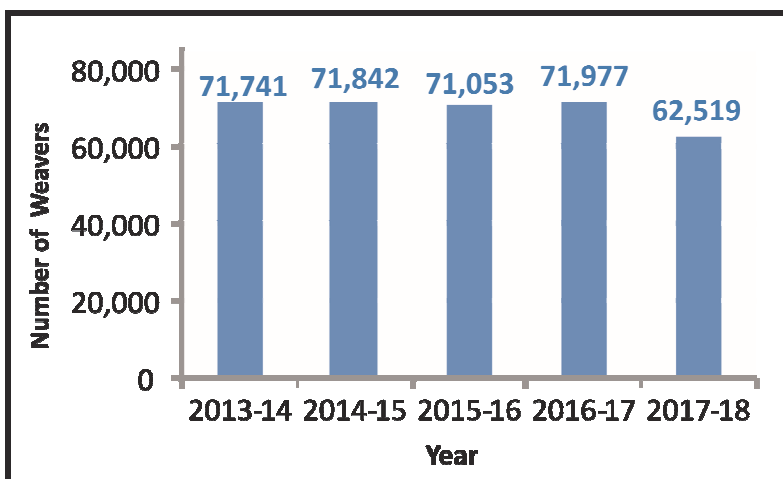
6 WELFARE SCHEMES IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT

6.1 Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers Savings and Security Scheme

In order to encourage the savings habit among the weavers thereby ensuring the security of their future, the Government is implementing the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers' Savings and Security Scheme (SSS) from the year 1975. The weaver members in the Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies are enrolled as members in the Savings and Security Scheme. The enrolled members of this scheme contribute 8 paise per rupee of wages earned by them through the Society to the Scheme fund and the State Government also contributes a matching share of 8 paise per rupee of wages earned by the weaver.

The contribution of the weavers and the matching contribution of the Government are deposited in the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers Savings and Security Scheme Fund Account with the Government.

The Government of Tamil Nadu provides 9.50% interest on the deposits in this scheme account. Out of which, 6.50% of interest is deposited in the scheme fund account and credited against the weavers' scheme fund account concerned and the balance 3% of interest is utilized for the implementation of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers' Old Age Pension Scheme and Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers' Family Pension Scheme.



Number of weavers at the end of the year under Savings and Security Scheme

As many as 62,519 weavers are enrolled as members under the Savings and Security Scheme and contributing to the scheme fund. The State Government have sanctioned an amount of Rs.11.74 crore in the year 2017-2018 towards State contribution against the weavers' contribution remitted in the year 2016-2017. As on 31.03.2018, a corpus of Rs.344.76 crore is available in the Savings and Security Scheme fund deposit account with the Government.

The State Government have also sanctioned an amount of Rs.30.68 crore in the year 2017-2018 towards 9.50% interest on the deposits in the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers Savings and Security Scheme Fund Account.

Further, as announced by the Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles, on the floor of Assembly on 29.06.2017, while moving the demands of Handlooms and Textiles Department, the Government have amended the Savings and

Security Scheme Rules by relaxing the condition for partial withdrawal from the scheme fund from minimum 10 years to 5 years. This would benefit the 62,519 members in the Scheme.

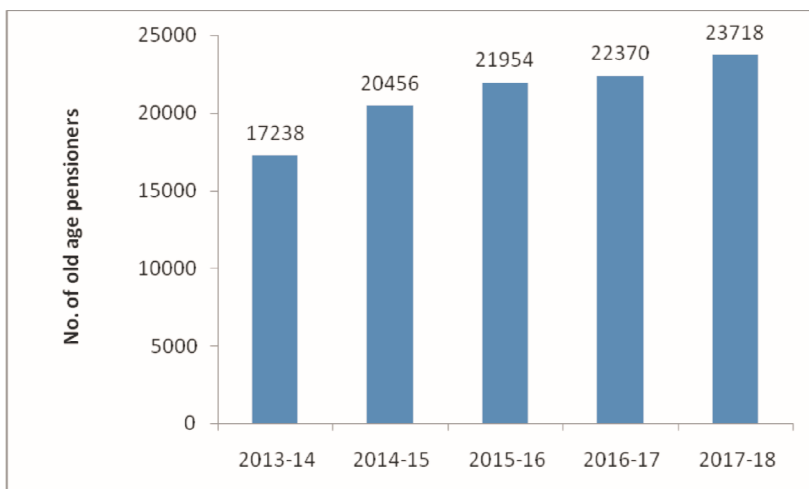
This scheme will be continued during the year 2018-2019, for which, a sum of Rs.12 crore has been allotted in the Budget Estimate towards State contribution and an amount of Rs.28 crore has been allocated towards 9.5% interest provided under the scheme.

6.2 Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers' Old Age Pension Scheme

The Government of Tamil Nadu introduced the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers' Old Age Pension Scheme in the year 1997 with a view to assist the handloom weavers in their old age. Old Age Pension is sanctioned to the weaver members of the Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies who are enrolled under Savings and Security Scheme, on attaining the age of 60

years. The Government have enhanced the Old Age Pension of handloom weavers from Rs.400/- per month to Rs.1,000/- per month with effect from 01.01.2012. Out of which, Rs.800/- is paid from the Government account and the balance amount of Rs.200/- is paid from the 3% interest amount provided by the Government for the Savings and Security Scheme.

The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.29.08 crore in the year 2017-2018 towards payment of Old Age Pension to 23,718 Handloom Weavers. Out of which, an amount of Rs.23.19 crore has been sanctioned from the Government account and the balance amount of Rs.5.89 crore is sanctioned from the 3% interest account of the Savings and Security Scheme Fund.



Number of beneficiaries under Old Age Pension Scheme

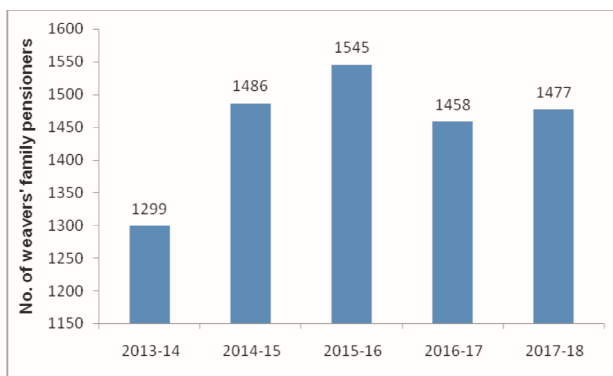
This scheme will be continued during the year 2018-2019. Under the Old Age Pension Scheme and Family Pension Scheme, a sum of Rs.25 crore has been allotted in the Budget Estimate for the year 2018-2019.

6.3 Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers' Family Pension Scheme

The Government of Tamil Nadu introduced the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers' Family Pension Scheme in the year 1992, so as to

alleviate the hardships faced by the family of the handloom weavers in the event of demise of the weaver who is the breadwinner of the family. Accordingly, Family Pension is being sanctioned to the nominee of the Co-operative handloom weaver, enrolled under Savings and Security Scheme, in the event of death of the weaver before attaining the age of 60 years. The Family Pension is provided for a period of 10 years or upto the age of 60 years of the deceased weaver (if he would have been alive), whichever is beneficial to the weaver's family. The Government have enhanced the Family Pension of handloom weavers from Rs.550/- per month to Rs.1,000/- per month with effect from 01.01.2012. Out of which, Rs.650/- is paid from the Government account and the balance amount of Rs.350/- is paid from the 3% interest amount sanctioned by the Government for the Savings and Security Scheme.

The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.1.79 crore in the year 2017-2018 towards payment of Family Pension to the families of 1,477 handloom weavers. Out of which, an amount of Rs.1.15 crore has been sanctioned from the Government account and the balance amount of Rs.0.64 crore is sanctioned from the 3% interest account of the Savings and Security Scheme Fund. This scheme will be continued during the year 2018-2019.



Number of beneficiaries under Family Pension Scheme

6.4 Health Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) Platform

In order to ensure enhanced health insurance coverage to handloom weavers and their families, so as to meet out their medical expenses and to improve their health conditions, the Health Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers on Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) platform has been implemented in Tamil Nadu, with effect from 01.10.2014 through United India Insurance Co. Ltd. Under this scheme, 5 family members of an enrolled weaver shall avail medical benefits upto Rs.37,500/- per annum. Of which, in-patient treatment facilities shall be availed upto Rs.30,000/- and out-patient treatment facilities upto Rs.7500/-.

In Tamil Nadu, as many as 1,44,294 weavers' families have been enrolled as beneficiaries under the scheme and 221 hospitals

in the State have been empanelled to avail medical benefits. Bio-metric smart cards with family details have been issued to the enrolled beneficiaries and using this card they are availing cashless treatment facilities from the empanelled hospitals.

The premium payable to the Insurer under this scheme is Rs.179/- per family per annum. Of which, Rs.107.40 (60%) is borne by the Government of India and the balance amount of Rs.71.60 (40%) is borne by the State Government. In addition, the registration / renewal fee of Rs.30/- to be paid by the beneficiary is also paid by the Government of Tamil Nadu on behalf of the weavers.

The Health Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers on RSBY platform has been implemented in the State upto 31.03.2017 and subsequently,

the Government of India have been requested for extension of the scheme.

Meanwhile, the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister in his Budget 2018-19 Speech delivered on 01.02.2018 announced that the Government of India would launch a flagship "National Health Protection Scheme" to cover over 10 crore the poor and vulnerable families (approximately 50 crore beneficiaries) providing coverage upto 5 lakh rupees per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization. The proposed National Health Protection Scheme is likely to be launched by the Government of India on 15th August, 2018 or by 2nd October, 2018, in view of Independence Day or Gandhi Jayanti, respectively.

The Government of India and the Government of Tamil Nadu are working on bringing in the handloom weavers under the proposed National Health Protection Scheme, so

as to provide health protection to weavers' families with enhanced coverage. Upon release of guidelines of the National Health Protection Scheme by the Government of India, appropriate decision will be taken by the Government and health insurance coverage will be continued to the handloom weavers in the State.

A provision of Rs.1.50 crore has been made in the Budget Estimate for the year 2018-2019 for this scheme.

6.5 Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana

6.5.1 Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers

Life insurance coverage and disability coverage for handloom weavers and ancillary workers have been provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu from the year 2004-2005 under "Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY)", with assistance from the Government of India,

through Life Insurance Corporation of India. The handloom weavers under co-operative and outside co-operative fold and ancillary workers in the age group of 18 to 59 years are enrolled as beneficiaries under the scheme. The annual premium of Rs.330/- per beneficiary per annum payable to LIC of India is shared by the Government of India and the Government of Tamil Nadu. This scheme has been implemented upto 31.05.2017.

The MGBBY is now converged with Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), with effect from 01.06.2017, so as to provide enhanced insurance coverage to the handloom weavers. The above three schemes are implemented through LIC of India.

a) Weavers in the Age Group of 18 to 50 Years

The handloom weavers under co-operative fold and outside co-operative fold and ancillary

workers in the age group of 18 to 50 years are enrolled under both PMJJBY and PMSBY. The premium structure and benefits provided under these two schemes are as follows:-

Premium Structure

Details	Annual Premium (in Rupees)		
	PMJJBY	PMSBY	TOTAL
Government of India's contribution	150	12	162
Government of Tamil Nadu's contribution of behalf of weavers	80	--	80
LIC of India-contribution	100	--	100
TOTAL	330	12	342

The weaver's contribution of Rs.80/- per weaver per annum under PMJJBY is paid to LIC of India by the Government of Tamil Nadu on behalf of the weavers.

Benefits Offered

(i) PMJJBY

On death due to any reason:
Rs.2,00,000/-

(ii) PMSBY

Details	Benefits (in Rupees)
On death due to accident	2,00,000
On permanent total disability due to accident	2,00,000
On partial permanent disability due to accident	1,00,000

The weavers / nominee of weavers are provided with enhanced life insurance coverage upto Rs.2,00,000/- and accidental disability coverage upto Rs.2,00,000/-, under the PMJJBY and PMSBY.

b) Weavers in the Age Group of 51 to 59 Years

The handloom weavers and ancillary workers in the age group of 51 to 59 years who are not eligible to enrol under PMJJBY and PMSBY are enrolled under MGBBY for the insurance coverage. The premium structure and benefits offered to this group of weavers under MGBBY are as follows:-

Premium Structure

Details	MGBBY – Annual Premium (Rupees)
Government of India contribution	290
Government of Tamil Nadu contribution of behalf of weaver	80
LIC of India contribution	100
TOTAL	470

Similar to PMJJBY, the weaver's contribution of Rs.80/- per weaver per annum under MGBBY is also borne by the Government of Tamil Nadu on behalf of the weavers.

Benefits Offered

Details	MGBBY – Benefits (in Rupees)
Accidental Death	1,50,000
Natural Death	60,000
Total Disability	1,50,000
Partial Disability	75,000

The weavers / nominee of weavers covered under MGBBY are provided life insurance coverage and accidental disability coverage upto Rs.1,50,000/-.

The policy period of all the three schemes namely, PMJJBY, PMSBY and MGBBY is from 01st June of every year to 31st May of succeeding year and is renewable every year.

In Tamil Nadu, during the policy year 2017-2018, as many as 77,944 weavers in the age group of 18 to 50 years are enrolled under PMJJBY and PMSBY and 47,520 weavers in the age group of 51 to 59 years are enrolled under MGBBY. Accordingly, a total of 1,25,464 handloom weavers and ancillary workers in Tamil Nadu are provided with enhanced life insurance coverage and accidental disability coverage.

The Government of Tamil Nadu have sanctioned Rs.1,00,37,120/- towards State share of premium for the policy year 2017-2018 on behalf of 1,25,464 beneficiaries. During the year 2017-2018, as many as 315 death claims have been settled and insurance amount to the tune of

Rs.2.01 crore has been paid to the beneficiaries by LIC of India.

In addition to the above, Co-optex is providing a Weaver's Welfare Scheme amount of Rs.25,000/- to the family of deceased weavers under co-operative fold. During the year 2017-2018, Co-optex have released a sum of Rs.71.75 lakh to 287 families of deceased weavers under this scheme.

These schemes will be continued during the year 2018-2019, for which, a sum of Rs.1.50 crore has been allotted to pay the State share of premium on behalf of weavers.

6.5.2.Scholarship under Shiksha Sahyog Yojana

Scholarship under Shiksha Sahyog Yojana (SSY) is being provided to two children of weavers who are enrolled under MGBBY, at the rate of Rs.1200/- per child per annum (Rs.600/- in two installments) studying from 9th standard to

12th standard for a maximum period of four years or till they complete 12th standard.

During the year 2017-2018, as many as 20,824 students have been benefitted under Shiksha Sahyog Yojana and scholarship amount of Rs.1.25 crore have been disbursed to the beneficiaries.

6.6 Weaver MUDRA Scheme

In order to provide concessional credit to handloom sector towards working capital and cost of tools and equipment required for carrying out weaving / allied activity, the Weaver MUDRA Scheme of the Government of India is being implemented in Tamil Nadu from June 2016 onwards, in place of erstwhile Weavers Credit Card Scheme.

Under this scheme, a minimum loan of Rs.50,000 for cotton loom with the maximum of Rs.5,00,000 and for silk loom, a minimum of Rs.1,00,000 to a maximum of Rs.5,00,000 are

provided to handloom weavers through banks at an interest rate of 6% per annum. The Government of India also provides margin money assistance at 20% of loan amount, with a maximum of Rs.10,000. The difference between the actual rate of interest charged by the banks and 6% borne by the weavers is provided by the Government of India as interest subvention, limiting to 7%. In addition, Credit Guarantee for all loan accounts will be provided by the Government of India under Credit Guarantee Trust fund for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE).

During the year 2017-2018, it was proposed to cover 15,000 handloom weavers in Tamil Nadu under Weaver MUDRA Scheme. With the concerted efforts and continuous follow-up by the Department, the State have achieved disbursing 18,488 MUDRA loans to the tune of Rs.90.12 crore in the year 2017-2018, which is

higher than the disbursement of 17,031 loans to the tune of Rs.82.38 crore in the year 2016-2017.

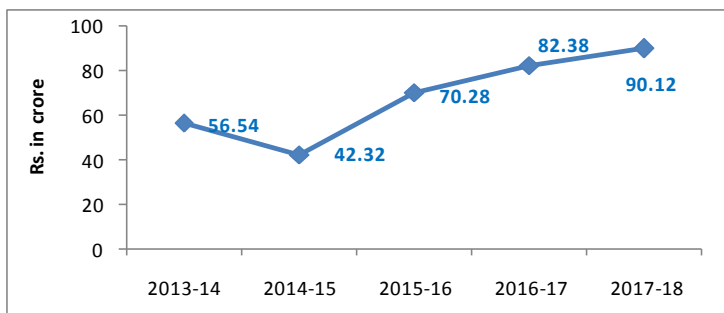


Distribution of MUDRA loans by the Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles at Coimbatore

The circle-wise performance of Weaver MUDRA Scheme during the year 2017-2018 is as follows:-

Sl. No.	Circle	No. of MUDRA loans disbursed	Loan amount disbursed (Rs. In lakh)
1	Coimbatore	1,109	554.50
2	Tirunelveli	500	241.05
3	Thiruvannamalai	1,323	661.50
4	Dindigul	1,201	590.50

Sl. No.	Circle	No. of MUDRA loans disbursed	Loan amount disbursed (Rs. In lakh)
5	Madurai	466	233.00
6	Vellore	633	316.50
7	Tiruvarur	108	54.00
8	Salem	1,172	399.11
9	Paramakudi	1,013	506.50
10	Tiruppur	1,013	506.50
11	Virudhunagar	1,734	867.00
12	Kancheepuram	1,607	803.50
13	Erode	2,141	1070.50
14	Kumbakonam	1,404	702.00
15	Cuddalore	512	256.00
16	Trichirappalli	401	200.50
17	Nagercoil	530	265.00
18	Tiruchengode	915	456.00
19	Karur	625	287.75
20	Thiruvallur	81	40.50
TOTAL		18,488	9011.91



Disbursement of Weavers Credit / Weavers MUDRA Loans in 5 years

Tamil Nadu holds the first place in the country in the implementation of Weaver MUDRA Scheme during the years 2016-2017 as well as in 2017-2018.

6.7 Web-based Common Accounting System for Primary Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies

The Government of India and the Government of Tamil Nadu have jointly implemented the "Revival, Reforms and Restructuring (RRR) Package for Handloom Sector" in Tamil Nadu from the year 2012-2013. Under this scheme, recapitalization assistance of

Rs.147.71 crore has been released to 718 Primary Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies, Co-optex and 520 Individual Weavers. Of which, Rs.116.31 crore is provided by the Government of India and Rs.31.40 crore is provided by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Apart from the recapitalization assistance, the Government of India also provided an amount of Rs.430.80 lakh to 718 Primary Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies towards purchase of computers and accessories and Common Accounting Software at the rate of Rs.60,000/- per Society. Accordingly, 718 computers and accessories have been purchased and supplied to the Primary Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies concerned. Further, 166 Computers and accessories were also purchased by availing Interest Free Loan from Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union, for 166 Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies which were not covered under RRR Package.

In order to ensure more transparency, uniformity and accuracy in all the Primary Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies in the State, a Web-based Common Accounting Software has been developed in consultation with Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA). The Common Accounting Software will be a complete package as an end-to-end solution for the entire functioning of the Society covering society details, member details with bio-metric fingerprints, raw material purchase, dyeing, issue of raw materials and receipt of finished goods with bio-metric authentication, raw material stock, appraiser ticket, pricing, sales management with bar-coding systems for billing, finished goods stock inventory, sales linked schemes, welfare schemes, accounts, MIS, etc. The Web-based Common Accounting Software is also an online application for real time functioning and monitoring.

The pilot run of the software has been initially rolled out in five Handloom Weaver's Co-operative Societies in the categories of silk, cotton, cotton-cum-silk and an Industrial Society. The third party Security Audit of the Common Accounting Software has been completed by an empanelled organisation through Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency.

The domain name of the Web Based Common Accounting Software has been registered through NIC, Chennai and SSL Certification for the same has been obtained through ELCOT for secure access. The secured domain address of the Common Accounting Software is "<https://handtexcas.tn.gov.in>". Theoretical and hands-on-training on using CAS have been given to the Departmental Staff and Society Staff. Further, user manual in English and Tamil have been prepared and provided to all the users for ready reference.

As advised by ELCOT, the software has been initially hosted on the CLOUD Environment of Tamil Nadu State Data Centre (TNSDC) and rolled out in 1048 Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies. So far, 58 societies have updated their accounts. Remaining societies will update by September 2018.

As a whole, the Common Accounting Software will act as a catalyst in efficient and effective functioning of Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies in the State and for better analysis, implementation, monitoring and control of Government schemes.

6.8 Tamil Nadu Handloom and Handloom Silk Weaving Workers' Board

To ensure the welfare of weaving community, Tamil Nadu Manual Workers' Board and 9 other Welfare Boards including Tamil Nadu Handloom and Handloom Silk Weaving Workers' Welfare Board were established in the year

2000-01. The Tamil Nadu Handloom and Handloom Silk Weaving Workers' Welfare Board was merged with the Manual Workers' Board with effect from 21.07.2004. Subsequently, this board has been functioning separately under the control of the Labour Department since 01.09.2006 based on the orders issued by the Government.

The Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles is the Chairman of the Board. Seven Government representatives, seven employers' representatives and six workers' representatives were appointed as members of the Board. Financial assistance, educational assistance, Insurance coverage for natural and accidental death and disability are being provided by this Board. The details are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Details	Financial assistance provided per weaver members (Rs.)
1.	Accident Insurance Scheme	
	i Accidental Death	1,00,000
	ii Accidental Disability (Based on extent of disability)	Upto 1,00,000
	iii Artificial limbs and Wheel chair	
2.	Natural Death Assistance	15,000
3.	Funeral Expenses Assistance	2,000
4.	Educational Assistance	
	i Girl Children studying 10 th	1,000
	ii 10 th Passed	1,000
	iii Girl Children studying 11 th	1,000
	iv Girl Children studying 12 th	1,500
	v 12 th Passed	1,500
	vi Regular degree course	1,500
	vii Regular degree course with hostel facility	1,750
	viii Regular Post Graduate course	4,000
	ix Regular Post Graduate course with hostel facility	5,000
	x Professional Degree course	4,000
	xi Professional Degree course with hostel facility	6,000
	xii Professional P.G. course	6,000
xiii Professional P.G. course with	8,000	

Sl. No.	Details		Financial assistance provided per weaver members (Rs.)
		hostel facility	
	xiv	I.T.I. or polytechnic course	1,000
	xv	I.T.I. or Polytechnic course with hostel facility	1,200
5.	Marriage Assistance		
	(i)	Male	3,000
	(ii)	Female	5,000
6.	Medical Assistance		
	i)	Maternity Assistance	6,000
	ii)	Abortion	3,000
	iii)	Reimbursement of cost of spectacles	Upto 500
7.	Pension		1,000 (per month)

So far, 2,81,843 weavers are enrolled in this Board. Financial assistance to the tune of Rs.75.56 crore has been disbursed to 2,84,572 weavers through this Board. During the year 2017-2018, financial assistance to the extent of

Rs.8.46 crore has been released to 17,430 beneficiaries.

6.9 Tamil Nadu Powerloom Weaving Workers' Welfare Board

In order to implement various welfare schemes for the powerloom weaving workers, the Government of Tamil Nadu have established the "Tamil Nadu Powerloom Weaving Workers' Welfare Board" under the Tamil Nadu Manual Workers' (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Work) Act 1982. The Welfare Board provides financial assistance such as accident insurance benefit, insurance benefit for natural death, assistance for funeral expenses, assistance for education, marriage, maternity, purchase of spectacles and pension benefit are being provided to powerloom weaving workers. So far, 1,60,918 powerloom weaving workers have been enrolled in this board and financial assistance to the tune of Rs.34.09 crore was

released for 1,35,847 beneficiaries upto 31.03.2018.

During the year 2017-2018, 2,353 powerloom weaving workers are newly enrolled and financial assistance to the tune of Rs.4.71 crore has been disbursed to 13,184 beneficiaries.

6.10 Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme for Weavers

As announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on the floor of Assembly on 08.05.2013 under Rule 110 of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, 10,000 Green Houses have been constructed for weavers under the Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green Houses Scheme at the total cost of Rs.260 crore. The Green Houses of Handloom Weavers are constructed at a unit cost of Rs.2.60 lakh (Rs.2.30 lakh for construction and Rs.0.30 lakh for solar power) in an area of 365 Sq.ft. with living cum weaving hall, accommodating the "handlooms" in their house, so that weavers can weave at their home itself.

The construction of all the 10,000 Green Houses have been completed in co-ordination with the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department. The provision of Solar Home Lighting System (SHLS) is the important component of the Green House.

6.11 Awarding Scholarships under Dr. MGR Handloom Weavers Welfare Trust

To encourage the wards of the weavers for pursuing higher studies, Dr.MGR Handloom Weavers Welfare Trust was constituted in the year 1986. The scholarships are being provided to two male and two female students every year, who have secured first and second highest mark in the state level of 10th and 12th Standard Examinations.

Based on the marks secured in 10th and 12th Standard , scholarships are awarded to two male and two female students in 33 disciplines, till they complete the course. A total of 132

students (66 male and 66 female) are getting scholarship under this scheme every year.

The details of scholarship given under 33 disciplines are as indicated below:-

Sl. No.	Discipline	Educational Qualification	Years	Stipend for Candidate who scored Highest Mark (in Rs.)	Stipend for Candidate who scored second Highest Mark (in Rs.)
1	M.B.B.S.	+2	5	7,500	5,000
2	B.D.S.	+2	5	7,500	5,000
3	B.V.Sc.	+2	5	7,500	5,000
4	M.S. (Information Technology)	+2	5	7,500	5,000
5	B.E.	+2	4	7,500	5,000
6	B. Tech	+2	4	7,500	5,000
7	B.Sc., Agriculture/ Horticulture	+2	4	4,000	2,500
8	B.Pharm.	+2	4	4,000	2,500
9	B.Sc. (Nursing)	+2	4	4,000	2,500
10	M.E.	B.E.	2	5,000	3,500
11	M.Tech.	B.E./ B.Tech.	2	5,000	3,500
12	M.D.	M.B.B.S /B.D.S.	2	5,000	3,500
13	M.S.	M.B.B.S/ B.D.S.	2	5,000	3,500
14	M.Com.	Graduate	2	5,000	3,500
15.	M.A.	Graduate	2	5,000	3,500
16.	M.Sc.	Graduate	2	5,000	3,500
17.	M.B.A.	Graduate	2	5,000	3,500

Sl. No.	Discipline	Educational Qualification	Years	Stipend for Candidate who scored Highest Mark (in Rs.)	Stipend for Candidate who scored second Highest Mark (in Rs.)
18.	M.C.A.	Graduate	2	5,000	3,500
19.	B.A.	+2	3	4,000	2,500
20.	B.Sc.	+2	3	4,000	2,500
21.	B.Com.	+2	3	4,000	2,500
22.	B.B.A.	+2	3	4,000	2,500
23.	B.B.M.	+2	3	4,000	2,500
24.	B.C.A.	+2	3	4,000	2,500
25.	B.Sc. (Computer Science)	+2	3	4,000	2,500
26.	Polytechnic	10 th Standard	3	4,000	2,500
27.	I.A.S./ I.P.S. Bank Office Exam	Graduate	1	4,000	2,500
28.	Hotel Management and Catering Technology	+2	3	4,000	2,500
29.	Cost Accounting	Graduate	3	4,000	2,500
30.	Diploma in Handloom Technology	+2	3	4,000	2,500
31.	Diploma in Physiotherapy	+2	2	4,000	2,500
32.	+2 Highest Mark	+2	1	4,000	2,500
33.	10 th Highest Mark	10 th Standard	1	4,000	2,500

The scheme will be continued during the year 2018-2019.

6.12 Scholarships to the Wards of Workers of Co-operative Spinning Mills and Tamil Nadu Co-operative Textile Processing Mills

This scheme provides scholarships to the wards of workers of Co-operative Spinning Mills and Tamil Nadu Co-operative Textile Processing Mills and is being implemented from 2013-2014. Under this scheme, the wards of the workers who have secured first 3 places in 10th and 12th standard are given scholarships of Rs.5,000/-, Rs.3,000/-, Rs.2,000/- and Rs.10,000/-, Rs.7,500/- Rs.5,000/- respectively at the Mill's level.

6.13 Stipend to Students of Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, Salem

The wards of handloom weavers are being encouraged to study Handloom and Textile Technology in the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, Salem and priority is being given while selecting candidates to the 3 year diploma course. The Government of Tamil Nadu are also

providing stipend from the year 1977 to the students admitted in the three years diploma course in “Handloom and Textile Technology” in the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology detailed below:-

Year	Stipend per month / students	50% of GOI share (per month)	50% of TN Govt. share (per month)
	(Amount in Rupees)		
I Year	1,000	500	500
II Year	1,100	550	550
III Year	1,200	600	600

The students are provided stipend and contingency amount of Rs.1,000/- each per annum for purchase of books. Apart from this, educational tour allowance of Rs.1,000/- per annum for the 2nd year students, and assistance of Rs.500/- for project work for the 3rd year students, are also being paid. This financial assistance is provided by the Government of

Tamil Nadu from Co-operative Education Fund of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union.

The students studying in Indian Institute of Handloom Technology in Gadag (Karnataka), Venkatagiri (Andhra Pradesh) and Kannur (Kerala) under Tamil Nadu Government quota are also being paid stipend from Co-operative Education Fund of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Union.

During year 2017-2018, stipend to the tune of Rs.8,48,000/- was provided to 107 students studying 3 year Handloom and Textile Technology diploma course at various Indian Institute of Handloom Technology under Tamil Nadu Government quota.

7 PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT

7.1 National Award and National Merit Certificate to Handloom Weavers and Handloom Co-operative Societies

The Government of India is implementing a scheme to provide "Handloom Weavers Award" under National Handloom Development Programme. Under this scheme the Government of India has been conferring National Award and National Merit Certificate to the Handloom Weavers for their excellence in the field of handloom sector as detailed below:-

- (A) NATIONAL AWARD – National Award is given to the extraordinary skilled handloom weavers for their craftsmanship in handloom weaving. This award consist of a cash prize of Rs.1,50,000/-, one tamrapatra, one shawl and a certificate.

(B) NATIONAL MERIT CERTIFICATE – National Merit Certificate is given to outstanding handloom weavers. This award is given to an extraordinary skilled weaver who has contributed significantly in development of the handloom product. National Merit Certificate consist of a cash prize of Rs.75,000/- and a certificate.

Apart from the above 2 Awards, the Government of India conferring National Award and National Merit Certificate for the following fields in handloom:-

- (i) Design Development for promotion of handloom products
- (ii) Marketing of handloom products.

The Government of India have selected candidates for National Award, National Merit Certificate for outstanding weaver and National

Merit Certificate for Marketing of handloom products for the year 2016 announced in February 2018 as indicated below:-

- (i) The National Award for best craftsmanship-2016 has been awarded to Tmt.K.Maheswari (Member No.966) of Murugan Silk Weavers Co-operative Society, Kancheepuram for the product **“Kancheepuram Korvai Silk Saree”**
- (ii) The National Merit Certificate for outstanding weaver 2016 has been awarded to Tmt.P.Parvathi (Member No.1992) of Murugan Silk Weavers Co-operative Society, Kancheepuram for **“Kancheepuram Silk Saree”**
- (iii) National Award for marketing of handloom products for the year 2016 has been awarded to Kancheepuram Arignar Anna Silk Weavers Co-operative Society, Kancheepuram.

- (iv) National Merit Certificate for Marketing of Handloom products – 2016 has been awarded to Murugan Silk Weavers Cooperative Society, Kancheepuram.

7.2 National Handloom Day

To commemorate the 110 years old Swadeshi Movement which began on August 7, 1905 and with an objective to create awareness on the importance of handloom sector as a part of our traditional rich heritage and culture, promote handloom products and their contribution to the socio economic development, the Government of India declared August 7 to be observed as “National Handloom Day”.

In consonance with Government of India’s announcement, the First National Handloom Day was conducted on 07.08.2015 at Chennai and India Handloom’ Brand was also launched. In recognizing the paramount importance of handlooms and recognizing contribution and

boosting morale of the handloom weavers, and with a commitment to promote and safeguard the interests of handloom weavers of Tamil Nadu, the Government of Tamil Nadu celebrated the 3rd National Handloom Day in a grand manner from 01.08.2017 to 07.08.2017.

With an objective to popularise the importance of Handloom industry and its contribution to the socio-economic development of the State, the following initiatives have been undertaken during the 3rd National Handloom Day.

- **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu participated in the National Handloom Day function on 07.08.2017** and distributed prizes and awards to the handloom weavers.
- On the eve of National Handloom Day 2017, series of sales campaign to promote the handloom products were conducted at

all district headquarters of the State and **handloom products worth Rs.11.43 crore were sold of which highest sales was effected in Erode circle i.e., Rs.106.68 lakh.**

- National Handloom Expo - "**Hand-Tex 2017**" was organized through Co-optex from 01.08.2017 to 07.08.2017 in Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai and handloom products worth Rs.1.62 crore was sold in the Expo.
- A fashion show to promote the handloom industry was also organised by National Institute of Fashion Technology on the occasion of National Handloom Day celebration.



Hon'ble Chief Minister distributing the Best Weaver Award for the year 2017-18 during the National Handloom Day function on 07.08.2017 at Chennai



Hon'ble Chief Minister along with Hon'ble Ministers for Handlooms and Textiles, Fisheries and Co-operation viewing the exquisite craftsmanship of the Kancheepuram Silk Saree displayed at Hand-Tex 2017 Expo

7.3 Implementation of Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives Scheme

The Government have introduced "Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) Scheme" during the year 2015-2016. The Government had issued administrative approval for sanction of Rs.9 crore towards purchase of 6000 Motorized Jacquard Machines for Handlooms over a period of 3 years from 2015-2016 to 2017-2018, for which, financial assistance to the extent of Rs.675 lakh as Government share was also sanctioned under "State Innovation Fund". Accordingly, during the years from 2015-2016 to 2017-2018, 6000 Motorised Jacquard Lifting Machines have been supplied at a cost of Rs.675 lakh to Handloom Weavers of the following Circles:-

Sl. No.	Circle	Year		
		2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
1	Coimbatore	200	715	160
2	Dindugul	100	-	80
3	Erode	400	-	350
4	Kanchipuram	400	445	-
5	Kumbakonam	300	365	80
6	Paramakudi	100	-	80
7	Salem	100	380	200
8	Tiruppur	200	220	230
9	Tiruvannamalai	100	350	100
10	Virudhunagar	100	-	80
11	Madurai	-	5	40
12	Tiruchengode		20	100
TOTAL		2000	2500	1500

The Government have approved two innovative projects for the year 2017-2018. A sum of Rs.33 lakh has been sanctioned as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
1	Purchase of Handloom Mobile Express	30.00
2	Installation of Washing and Hydro extractor machine	3.00
Total		33.00

7.4 Registration of Handloom Products under Geographical Indication of Goods Act, 1999

Kancheepuram silk sarees, Bhavani jamakkalam, Madurai sungudi sarees, Salem silk (Venpattu), Arni silk and Kovai kora cotton sarees have been registered by the Department of Handlooms and Textiles under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999 so as to provide legal protection to these specialized goods produced in a particular region by the handloom weavers co-operative societies. The Act protects the producers and

consumers from unauthorized and misuse of the geographical indications.

The registration of goods under the Geographical Indications Act not only promotes exports of such goods but also protects their usage and sale in other countries, which comes under the Trade Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement of World Trade Organisation (WTO).

So far, 21 Silk Weavers' Co-operative Societies, 10 private manufacturers, who are producing Kancheepuram silk sarees, 60 Kora cotton sarees producing societies, 30 Bhavani Jamakalam producing societies and 8 Salem Venpattu producing societies have been registered as authorized users under Geographical Indication of Goods Act.

The Department has planned to register Thirubhuvanam Silk Sarees and Koorainadu Silk Sarees under Geographical Indications of Goods Act during the year 2018-2019.

7.5 Handloom Mark



The “Handloom Mark” is a symbol of rich legacy and tradition of Indian Handloom Textiles which was launched by the Government of India on 28.06.2006. The basic objective of the scheme is to ensure a brand for handloom products and secure a premium position for them in domestic as well as International Market. This scheme helps not only in creating uniqueness for handloom products but also to ensure the availability of the genuine handloom products to the buyers, thereby improving the marketability of handloom products.

The Primary Weavers' Co-operative Societies, Tamil Nadu Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society Ltd. (Co-optex), individuals weavers, master weavers and exporters have been registered under Handloom Mark Scheme for using the Handloom Mark Labels.

Till 2017-2018, 8,650 organisations/ individuals have been registered under the Handloom Mark Scheme and 3.85 crore labels have been purchased.

7.6 Silk Mark



The Government of India have introduced "Silk Mark" to promote the sale of silk products in domestic and international market, with effect

from 17.04.2004. Silk Mark is an identity label, which is affixed on pure and natural silk products to ensure their fine quality.

The Silk Mark scheme is being implemented by the Silk Mark Organization of India (SMOI), a society registered under the Karnataka Societies Registrations Act, 1960 and it is sponsored by the Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

Any Individual Firm/Institution, Central and State Government Institutions, Apex and Private Corporate body can become a member of Silk Mark Organization of India. The registered members of this organization are only authorized to use these labels.

So far, 77 Silk Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Societies have registered themselves as authorized users.

7.7 India Handloom Brand



“India Handloom” Brand was launched by the Government of India on 7th August 2015, during the celebration of first National Handloom Day, to endorse the quality of handloom products in terms of raw material, processing, establishment, weaving, design and other parameters besides social and environment compliance for earning the trust of customers in order to promote handloom industry on a sustainable basis

The main objective of launching the brand is to ensure the production of quality products with new designs for winning the trust and

confidence of customers by giving particular attention to the defect free, hand woven, authentic niche products with zero defect and zero impact on environment.

The “India Handloom” brand initiative is being implemented by the Development Commissioner for Handlooms with the help of Textiles Committee in the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. The Development Commissioner for Handlooms has constituted a Special Cell for this purpose and 28 Weavers’ Service Centres all over the country are receiving applications from various parties for registration process under India Handloom Brand.

The Weavers Service Centre at Kancheepuram receives applications for registration of handloom products under India Handloom Brand in Tamil Nadu.

As many as 104 handloom producing agencies / enterprises have been registered under the brand in 28 product categories.

Under this brand, the Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies, which are producing the varieties viz., Salem Silk Dhoti, Chettinad Cotton Sarees, Kancheepuram Silk Sarees, Arni Silk Sarees, Silk Angavastharam, Cotton Lungi, Garments, Organic Fabric, Place Mat, Furnishing Fabric, Kora Cotton Sarees, Dindigul Cotton Sarees, etc., have been registered.

7.8 Elections to Weavers Co-operative Societies – 2018

As per the Constitution's (97th Amendment Act) 2011, every Co-operative Society should be managed by an elected Board of Directors. Earlier, during 2013, Elections were conducted in three phases (Primary level Societies, Central level Societies and Apex Societies) from March 2013 to July 2013 for 1368 Weavers

Co-operative Societies in Tamil Nadu. The Five years tenure of these elected Board has been completed in April 2018.

The Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission has announced the Election Programme to Weavers Co-operative Societies. The total No. of Weavers Co-operative Societies under the Department of Handlooms and Textiles, for which election is to be conducted in 3-Phases during 2018 is as follows:-

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Total
1243 (Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies)	20 (Central Weavers Co-operative Societies)	3 (Apex Societies)	1266

As per the Election schedule announced by Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission , the 1st Phase of Elections to 1243 Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies have

been conducted in 4 Stages from 12.03.2018 to 07.05.2018 as indicated below:-

Stages in Phase 1	No. of Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies	Date of Election
Stage-I	298	02.04.2018
Stage-II	315	07.04.2018
Stage-III	322	27.04.2018
Stage-IV	308	07.05.2018
Total	1243	

The new Board of Directors elected for the Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies under Stage-I of Phase-I have assumed office on 09.04.2018. Regarding Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies covered under Stage-II, III & IV of Phase-I, Elections to Board of Directors have been completed and results have been withheld as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

7.9 Handloom Support Programme

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has announced on the floor of the Assembly

during the Budget Speech for the year 2018-2019 that this Government would launch a new “Handloom Support Programme” to provide financial assistance for innovation and diversification of products in the handloom sector, for which the Government have provided a sum of Rs.40.00 crore in the Budget Estimate for the year 2018-19.

Accordingly, the Department is taking necessary steps to evolve suitable schemes so as to provide financial assistance for innovation and diversification of products in the handloom sector.

8. INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT

8.1 Co-operative Spinning Mills

With an object of providing employment to rural folk, supply quality yarn at reasonable rate to Handloom Weavers in our State and to take care of the needs of hank yarn 18 Co-operative

Spinning Mills were established in our state between 1958 and 1985 with an installed spindle capacity of 4.70 lakh.

Out of this 13 Co-operative Spinning Mills became defunct owing to obsolete machinery, shortage of working capital and adverse market conditions.

The Ramanathapuram District Co-operative Spinning Mills alone was re-opened by installing State of the art machinery in order to provide employment to Adi-Dravida workers in the drought prone Ramanathapuram District. Apart from this, the five Co-operative Spinning Mills namely Anna Co-operative Spinning Mills, Aundipatti; Bharathi Co-operative Spinning Mills, Ettayapuram; Kanyakumari District Co-operative Spinning Mills, Aralvoymozhi; Pudukottai District Co-operative Spinning Mills, Aranthangi and Krishnagiri District Co-operative Spinning Mills, Uthangarai have been modernised and running continuously.

8.1.1 Modernisation of Co-operative Spinning Mills

The Government of Tamil Nadu with the financial assistance of National Co-operative Development Corporation, New Delhi have provided Rs. 147.21 crore for the modernisation of these functional Co-operative Spinning Mills.

A sum of Rs.28.02 crore was earmarked for Ramnathapuram District Co-operative Spinning Mills for total modernisation. Consequently the present spindle capacity of Co-operative Spinning Mills has been enhanced to 1,18,368 spindles. The production has increased from 5,975 M.T. to 13,140 M.T. At present, quality yarn is being manufactured and supplied to cost free Sarees and Dhoties Scheme and cost free Uniform Scheme.

Apart from this as per the announcement made by the former Hon'ble Chief Minister on 20.9.2016 a sum of Rs.19.29 Crore has been

sanctioned for the 6 functional Co-operative Spinning Mills for purchase of additional machinery by availing financial assistance from National Co-operative Development Corporation. The details of which are given below:-

S. No.	Name of the Co-operative Spinning Mills	Approved Project cost (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Anna	570.39
2.	Bharathi	482.11
3.	Kanyakumari	86.00
4.	Pudukottai	417.00
5.	Krishnagiri	100.00
6.	Ramanathapuram	265.00
Total		1929.50

The machinery have been purchased and are being commissioned in stages.

The phase II of modernisation equips the Co-operative Spinning Mills with the state-of-the art components viz., auto coner, combers, lapformers and doubling machines which will enhance the performance of the mills and quality of yarn to be supplied to the Handloom and Power

loom Weavers producing cloth under the Cost Free Sarees and Dhoties Scheme and Cost Free Uniform Scheme. Also ground mounted solar panels 135 KWp are being installed at Bharathy Co-operative Spinning Mills, Ettayapuram to bear the lighting load and would contribute to saving in power.

Performance of Co-operative Spinning Mill before and after modernization

Sl. No.	Details	Before modernization	After modernization
1	No. of Spindles	1,13,000	1,18,368
2	Average production per annum (in M.T.)	Hank: 1,188 Cone: 4,787 ----- Total: 5,975 -----	Hank: 2,613 Cone: 10,527 ----- Total: 13,140 -----
3	Production value (Rs. in crore)	90.68	220.61
4	Average spindle point production (SPP) (in grams)	85%	110.00
5	Count strength product (CSP)	2,000	2,500



**Assembly Winder at
Anna Co-operative Spinning Mills, Theni**



**Carding section at
Ramanathapuram Co-operative Spinning Mills**

8.1.2 Achievements during 2017-18

- The 6 Co-operative Spinning Mills have supplied 3980.88 M.T. of yarn valuing Rs.96.02 crore to the Weavers' Co-operative Societies for production of cloth under Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme for Pongal 2018.
- The 6 Co-operative Spinning Mills had supplied 3,764.46 M.T. of yarn valuing Rs.87.28 crore to the Weavers' Co-operative Societies for production of cloth under Free supply of Uniform Scheme for the year 2017-2018.
- The Co-operative Spinning Mills are producing and supplying entire hank yarn requirement of Weavers Co-operative Societies in respect of counts like 20s, 26s and 2/17nf. The Co-operative Spinning Mills have supplied 11,399 bales (2175.97 M.T.) valued at Rs.41.62 crore to Handloom

Weavers' Co-operative Societies during the year 2017-2018.

- In respect of Government Schemes, which are going to be implemented in future, the Co-operative Spinning Mills have planned to produce and supply the entire requirement of 60s Combed yarn for various cloth production.

Sl. No.	Count	Total Production per annum (in M.T.)
1	20s hank	340
2	26s hank	65
3	40s hank	1,300
4	60s hank	4
5	2/17s hank	2,160
6	2/30s hank	650
7	2/40s hank	650
8	2/60s hank	4
9	40s cone	8,760
10	60s cone	720
11	2/30s cone	1,200
12	2/40s cone	800

**Count wise production capacity of modernized
Co-operative Spinning Mills**

8.2 Tamil Nadu Handloom Development Corporation Limited (TNHDC), Chennai

The Tamil Nadu Handloom Development Corporation Limited is a State Public Sector Undertaking, commenced its operation in the year 1964 when major banking institutions were not nationalized. The Corporation has been serving the weavers outside the co-operative fold by extending working capital assistance at reasonable rate of interest and to liberate them from the clutches of the local money lenders. In order to achieve the cause, it mobilized resources by way of share capital from Government and members and loan from Government of Tamil Nadu as detailed below:-

(Rs. in lakh)

A) Share Capital		
(i)	Government	267.00
(ii)	Members	162.24
Total Share Capital		429.24
B) Loan from Government of Tamil Nadu		547.00
Grand Total (A + B)		976.24

The Corporation is having 11,841 members on it's roll. Due to waiver of loan extended to other sectors, the members are reluctant to settle the dues thereby Corporation is in paucity of working capital. Since the primary objective of the Corporation to sanction loan to weavers outside co-operative fold is affected due to the poor recovery of loan, the Corporation manages to continue its existence by handling various Government Schemes.

The Government have appointed Tamil Nadu Handloom Development Corporation Ltd. as

nodal agency / implementing agency in respect of following schemes / activities:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme / Activities
1	Trichy Mega Handloom Cluster
2	Virudunagar Mega Handloom Cluster
3	Marketing handloom products through e-shopping under the brand name Loomworld
4	Conducting National Level Handloom Exhibitions
5	Marketing Incentive Scheme

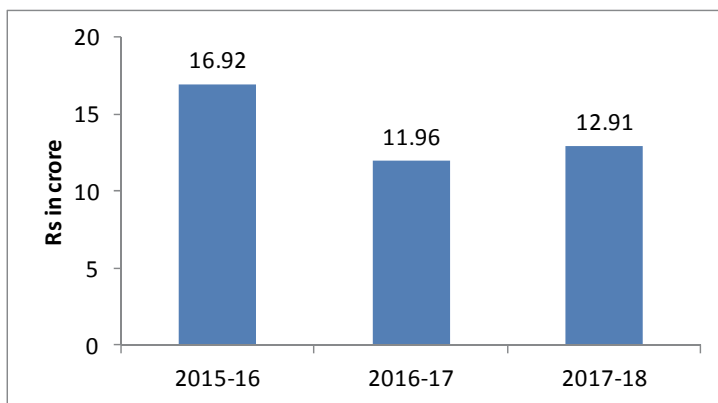
During the year 2017-2018, the Corporation has recovered a sum of Rs.8.80 lakh towards Principal and Rs.8.65 lakh towards interest.

The tentative net profit of the Corporation for the year 2017-2018 is Rs.14.02 lakh.

8.2.1 Loomworld Sales Showroom

In order to create a unique identity and to promote the marketing of handloom products, the Department has established a chain of stores

under the brand name called Loomworld during the year 2000. The Loomworld facilitates marketing of handloom products produced by the Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies to some extent. There are eight 'Loomworld' outlets functioning in Tamil Nadu viz., Chennai Anna Nagar, Chennai Egmore, Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchirapalli, Dharmapuri, Kancheepuram and Erode. Loomworld showrooms have registered a sales turnover of Rs.12.91 crore during the year 2017-2018.



Sales performance of Loomworld Showrooms for the past three years

The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs.25 lakh for Modernisation of the Loomworld showrooms at Anna Nagar, Chennai and Rs.50 lakh for Coimbatore Loomworld. In addition, a sum of Rs.100 lakh has also been permitted from Marketing Incentive Scheme for the year 2017-2018. Accordingly, the modernization of these Loomworld showrooms is under process.

8.2.2 e-Commerce Website under the Brand name Loomworld

In order to popularize the Loomworld concept for the convenience of the customers and to utilize the advantages of e-commerce facility in the domain of www.loomworld.in was launched on 30.12.2015.



During the year 2017-2018, 1046 products to the value of Rs.16.64 lakh have been sold through the e-shopping portal of Loomworld. To further increase the sales through online, a tie-up arrangement has been made with private e-commerce agency namely “Gocoo Solutions Services Private Ltd.,” and business tie-up arrangement has also been made with Amazon Seller Services Pvt. Ltd., (www.amazon.in) which was launched on 28.12.2017.



Loomworld online sales through Amazon launched by Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles

The Tamil Nadu Handloom Development Corporation Limited is the Implementing Agency for coordinating the e-commerce activities of Loomworld.

8.2.3 Action Plan for 2018-2019

- This Corporation will continue to act as Nodal Agency / Implementing Agency in respect of above schemes / Programmes of Government of India.
- The Corporation has planned to achieve a sale of Rs.25 crore through Loomworld.

- The Corporation proposed to collect Rs.75 lakh towards principal and Rs.100 lakh towards interest.
- The Corporation has planned to sell Rs.50 lakh worth handloom products through e-shopping platform under the brand name “Loomworld”.

8.3 Tamil Nadu Textile Corporation Limited (TNTC), Coimbatore

The Tamil Nadu Textile Corporation Ltd. is a wholly owned Government Company established during 1969 under the Companies Act 1956.

The Corporation had gone in for modernisation and installed 10 Airjet looms at Kurichi, Coimbatore to improve the quality of cloth and its productivity and provide continuous employment to its workers.

The existing 3 Powerloom complexes at Aruppukottai (Virudhunagar District), Sivagiri

(Erode District) and Kurichi, Coimbatore are functioning with 36 looms each.

The Corporation is engaged in the production and supply of Polyester Cotton Suiting and Shirting varieties to various Government Institutions. Apart from engaging in the production of Shirting, Casement and Drill cloth under Cost Free supply of School Uniform Scheme and Dhothies under Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme.

The Corporation received orders for production and supply of 25.65 lakh mtrs. of Uniform cloth to the value of Rs. 10.88 crore under Cost Free Supply of School Uniform Scheme (AY 2017-2018) and one lakh units of Dhoties to the value of Rs. 97.67 lakh under the Cost Free Distribution of Sarees Dhothies Scheme, Pongal 2018.



**Kurichi Unit Auto Looms Shed
at Tamil Nadu Textile Corporation Limited**

The Tamil Nadu Textile Corporation also acts as a “Nodal Agency” for procurement and supply of uniform cloth under Cost Free Supply of School Uniform Scheme and Sarees and Dhothies under Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhothies Scheme. The Corporation procured and supplied 256.59 lakh metres worth about Rs.119.80 Crore under the Uniform Scheme (academic year 2017-2018), and also supplied 78.72 lakh Sarees and 73.13 lakh Dhothies worth about Rs.196.43 crore under Cost Free

Distribution of Sarees Dhothies Scheme, Pongal 2018 from the Powerloom Weavers Co-operative Societies.

During the year 2017-2018 the Corporation had secured orders worth Rs.573.58 lakh for the supply of 6.38 lakh metres of Polyester cotton uniform cloth to the State Transport Corporation, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO), Tamil Nadu Police Department, TEXCO, ICDS, Municipal Corporations and other Public Sector Undertakings.

The details of financial performance of the Corporation for the year 2017-2018 are as follows:-

Year	Total production (In lakh metres)	Value (Rs. in lakh)	Total sales (in lakh metres)	Sales Value (Rs. in lakh)	Net Profit / loss (Rs. in lakh)
2017-2018	35.73	1551.08	36.92	1801.90	(+)66.84

8.3.1 Action Plan for 2018-19

The Corporation aims to produce 25.16 lakh metres of uniform cloth varieties valuing Rs.10.84 crore towards supplies under Government schemes and Institutions.

Further, the Corporation is expected to procure and supply 255 lakh metres of Uniform cloth worth Rs. 131.26 crore and 80 lakh sarees and 80 lakh Dhothies worth Rs. 227 crore manufactured through Power loom Weavers' Co-operative Societies. Hence, the Corporation has planned to achieve a turnover of Rs. 34.15 crore and a net profit of Rs. 1.50 crore during the year 2018-2019.

8.4 Tamil Nadu Zari Limited (TNZL), Kancheepuram

Tamil Nadu Zari Ltd was registered in the year 1971, under the Companies Act 1956, as a State Public Sector Undertaking to manufacture pure zari which is a critical input used in silk

saree production. The Company commenced its commercial production in the year 1974. The Company is an ISO 9001:2008 certified State Public Sector Undertaking and manufacture the pure zari to supply to Silk Handloom Weavers Co-operative Societies at reasonable rates. The Tamil Nadu Zari Ltd is also undertaking the quality checking of Zari and Zari made fabrics within minutes by Non Destructive Testing (NDT) method through X-ray fluorescence analyser installed at the testing centre at Kancheepuram. At present, 6 staff and 76 workers are working in the Company.

The authorised Share capital of the Company is Rs.50 lakh and paid up share capital is Rs.34.40 lakh subscribed by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu Zari Ltd has paid Rs.132.88 lakh as Dividend so far to the Government of Tamil Nadu from the profit earned by the Company.

To improve the quality of zari, one new vertical type gilding machine from Surat has been installed which eliminates the process of reeling and gives better colour and lustre of zari.



Vertical type gilding machine, Kancheepuram



Gold thread flattening

During the year 2017-2018, Tamil Nadu Zari Ltd produced 30,501 marcs of zari and sold 29,863 marcs to the value of Rs.3198.77 lakh and earned a net profit of Rs.22.39 lakh (tentative).

8.4.1 Action Plan for 2018-2019

Tamil Nadu Zari Ltd has planned to produce and sell 36,000 zari marcs during the year 2018-2019 and achieve a sales turnover of Rs.3,888 lakh and net profit of Rs.15 lakh.

8.5 Tamil Nadu Co-operative Textile Processing Mills Limited (TCTP), Erode

The Tamil Nadu Co-operative Textile Processing Mills (TCTP) was registered on 06.07.1973 and started its functioning on 05.09.1973. The mill is undertaking various processing activities like Bleaching, Dyeing, Mercerizing, Printing and Finishing. The Mill is having ISO 9001-2008 Certification for its Operations and Quality Management. The Mills

production capacity per month is 21 lakh meters of cloth.

The main production activities of the mill is to process the uniform cloth supplied by Government of Tamil Nadu under cost Free Distribution of uniform scheme. Moreover the mill is processing cloths of various institutions like Co-optex, National Textile Corporation, Tamil Nadu Textile Corporation, Coimbatore Central Prison, Tamil Nadu Khadi and Village Industries Board, Kerala State Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society, Kerala State Handloom Development Corporation and Primary Weavers Co-operative Societies.

In order to achieve ZLD status in effluent discharge the mills is equipped with Effluent Treatment Plant, Reverse Osmosis System and Reject Management System. As a result, the cloths are processed with quality by adopting Zero Liquid Discharge System and fulfilling the norms of Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.

In the mills, 129.62 lakh meters of cloth were processed and turnover of the mills was Rs.24.59 crore during the year 2017-2018. The mill has earned a tentative profit of Rs.2 lakh during this period.

8.5.1 Modernisation Programme

During the year 2008-2009 and 2013-2014 the mills had implemented the Modernisation Programme under Integrated Co-operative Development Programme Scheme to the tune of Rs.7.67 crore. By the impact of modernization, the production capacity of the mill was increased from 50,000 meters per day to 70,000 meters per day.



Vertical Drying Range Machine



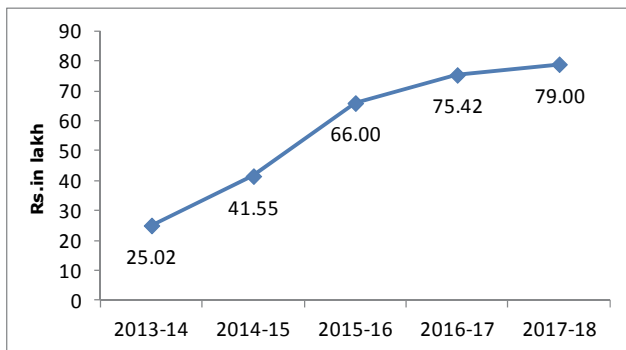
Continuous Chainless Mercerising Machine

8.5.2 Action Plan for 2018-2019

The Mill has proposed to process 173 lakh metres of cloth and thereby expected earnings will be Rs.29.82 crore. Expected net profit will be Rs.1.70 crore.

8.6 Tamil Nadu Co-operative Spinning Mills Federation Limited (TANSPIN), Chennai

Tamil Nadu Co-operative Spinning Mills Federation (TANSPIN) was established in December 1994, in order to regulate the purchase of cotton for Co-operative Spinning Mills. The primary objective of this Federation is to ensure supply of quality cotton at reasonable price to Co-operative Spinning Mills by procuring cotton from various Co-operative Institutions, Federations and Cotton Corporation of India. To accomplish this, State Government had sanctioned a share capital assistance of Rs.25 crore and a Cotton Revolving Fund of Rs.2.07 crore.



Profit earned by TANSPIN over the years

TANSPIN has extended loan assistance of Rs.7.55 crore to 6 running Co-operative Spinning Mills for purchase of cotton. It collected service charges of Rs.135 lakh and earned tentative profit of Rs.79 lakh during the year 2017-2018.

8.7 The Tamil Nadu Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society Limited (Co-optex), Chennai

The Tamil Nadu Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society popularly known as "Co-optex" is the largest apex Handloom Co-operative Society in India. The multihued

Butterfly is synonymous with quality and fair trade in Handlooms to its customers, all over the country. This has been possible because of its large base of highly skilled weavers producing handlooms representing a historic weaving tradition of Tamil Nadu with unmatched aesthetic quality. Today Co-optex not only represents the highest tradition of handlooms but also a great social cause by providing sustained employment to the weavers of the State.

The Organization is continuously striving to achieve the main objectives of

- 1) Extending market support to Weavers' Co-operative Societies and popularizing handloom products,
- 2) Implementing various innovative schemes
- 3) Creating continuous employment opportunities for handloom weavers.

- 4) To develop products that combine tradition and fashion to meet the changing demand of customers.

Co-optex was established in 1935 and is able to reach its customers through its 192 Showrooms spread across the country. Co-optex has the distinction of being geographically, the most spread Apex society with outstanding contribution to Handlooms in the country.

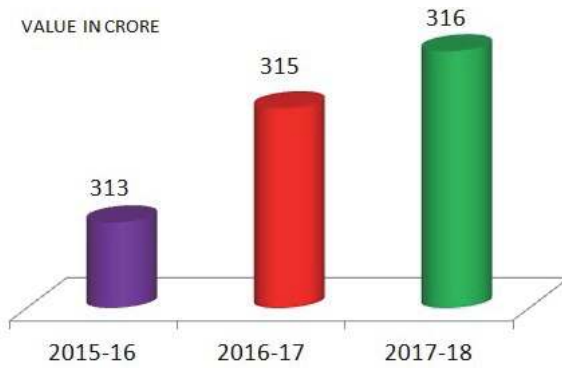
Due to its dedicated work force and experience in handling the Government schemes, Co-optex has been appointed as one of the nodal agencies for Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhothies Scheme, Free supply of School Uniform Scheme to school students and exclusively for Old Age Pension Scheme.

Co-optex Export Division – Co-optex International is exporting Home textiles products to the countries like Germany, Belgium, Spain, United Kingdom, Italy and France.

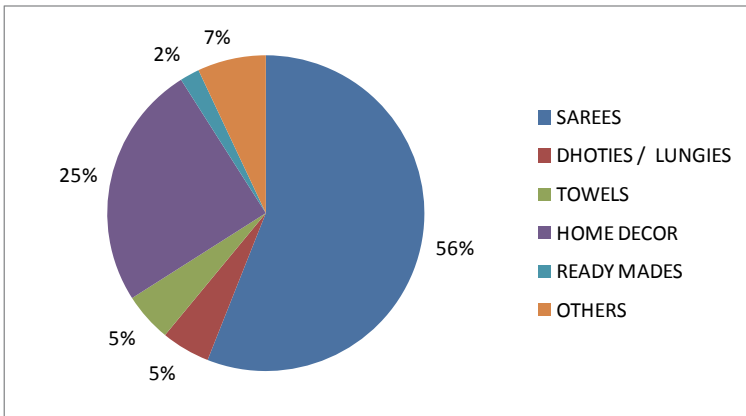
Retail Sales during 2017-2018

During the year 2017-2018, Co-optex has achieved a sales of Rs.316.15 crore. This sales was a result of many initiatives including continuous procurement throughout the year, modernization of a large number of showrooms to improve the ambience of the showrooms, increased design interventions, introduction of new products, as well as recruitment motivation and training to the new staff.

The effective marketing through Social Media Campaigning has improved the customer base and resulted in large number of first time buyers patronising Co-optex products.



Retail Sales during 2017-2018



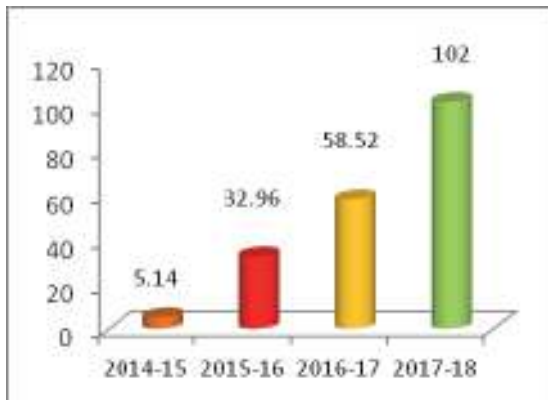
Product wise Sales during 2017 – 2018

Co-optex Online Sales

Co-optex has launched online sales through its own portal to reach more number of customers and tech savvy generation across the country. As the customers support is encouraging, Co-optex has increased its products range to include products like Linen Shirts, Kurthis, Organic Sarees, Quilt & Home Furnishing on its Online portal. Co-optex today Stands No.1 in online sales amongst all handloom Apex Societies in the country.

The online sales is showing an impressive growth since inception.

Value in Lakh



International Portal

In order to facilitate online purchase and delivery to customers across the globe, Co-optex has inaugurated International shipment facility from 31.01.2018 on its online portal.

During the year 2017-18, Co-optex has doubled its sale to Rs.1.02 crore through Online Portal as compared to last year.



First International shipment handed over by the Hon'ble Minister



First customer from Malaysia ordering a saree on the launching Day

Marketing strategies during 2017-2018

Modernisation of Showrooms

During 2017-2018, Co-optex has modernized the following 5 Showrooms:-

- 1.Deepam, Vellore
- 2.Tiruvannamalai
- 3.Tenkasi
- 4.Muthunagar, Tuticorin
- 5.Srivilliputhur

As a result of the success of the Home Tex at T.Nagar, Chennai, an exclusive showroom for home furnishing, another Home Tex showroom has been opened at Co-optex Marudham Showroom at Coimbatore.



Co-optex Showroom, Vellore



Co-optex Showroom ,Tuticorin



Co-optex Showroom ,Srivilliputhur



Co-optex Showroom, Tenkasi



Co-optex Showroom, Tiruvannamalai

Design Innovations

Realizing the changing demands and preference of its customers, Co-optex has introduced a large number of new designs through its own Design Studio. In the year 2017-2018, 2000 new designs in various products were introduced.

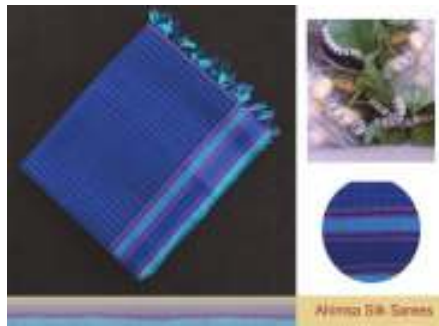


Introduction of New Products

Co-optex introduced new products keeping in mind the taste of urban customers in the year 2017-2018.

AHIMSA silk sarees

The silk yarn used for the production of these sarees is spun from silk cocoons without killing the silk worms and hence the name - Ahimsa Silk Sarees. Ahimsa silk sarees are woven by the Handloom Weavers in Kancheepuram and Arani area.



Natural Dyed Cotton Sarees

The cotton yarn used in the Production of these sarees is dyed with Natural colours extracted from flowers, herbs, petals, leaves, seeds etc. These saree are made out of high quality combed cotton yarn and woven by the weavers of Vadambachery in Pollachi, Dindigul and Manamedu area in Tiruchirappalli district.



New Kanchi Cotton Sarees

The specially designed New Kanchi Cotton Sarees incorporating traditional designs in pure thread work has been revived and produced by the skilled weavers of Vadambachery, Dindigul and Paramakudi Weaving Cluster. These meticulously woven sarees using 80s fine quality yarn are incorporated with traditional motifs in contemporary style.

These sarees with rich thread work pallu exhibit grand look of the Kanchee cotton sarees.



Mens' Combo Pack/ Velcro Dhoty

Keeping in mind its male customers Co-optex has introduced Men's Combo Pack, a set consisting of one dhoty and one matching cotton shirting piece for sales across Co-optex showrooms.

Co-optex has developed **Velcro Dhoty** specially for Dhoty lovers and for people not adept in wearing the dhoty..

These are provided with Velcro tape and a pocket to keep wallet and mobiles. These Dhothies are available in different sizes.



Combo pack



Velcro Dhoty

National Handloom Expo–Hand Tex 2017

With an objective to create awareness on the importance of handlooms, the Government of Tamil Nadu decided to celebrate Handloom Day on 7th August. Co-optex, in co-ordination with Department of Handlooms and Textiles, Chennai, conducted, a National Handloom Expo – named “HAND TEX 2017” at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai. In all, 44 Stalls were put up by Co-optex and other Handloom organizations from across the country.

This event became major driving force to promote the sales of Handloom products and achieved a sale of Rs.1.62 Crore within a span of 7 days.

S. No.	Details	Value (Rs. in lakh)
1	Value of Sales by Co-optex	96.13
2	Value of Sales other State apex Societies	65.43
TOTAL		161.56

Fashion Show

To emphasize the importance of handloom to younger generation and fashion conscious elite, a fashion show was organised in co-ordination with NIFT Chennai.

The Fashion show titled "Symphony of Weaves" had region specific sequences, showing handlooms produced across various regions of Tamil Nadu and highlighted versatility of products like Organic Cotton Sarees, Kurthies, Linen Shirts and Dhothies.



Weaver's Identity Card

Hand weaving, as a craft is passed on from one generation to another and requires immense patience and skill to master it. A weaver has to move his hands and legs at least 15000 times to weave a saree. Co-optex provides traceability for all its handloom sarees by attaching Weaver Cards. These weaver's Identity Cards provides a connect between the weaver and the customer.



Weaver's Identity Card

Sales Promotion Schemes

Buy 2 Get 1 Free

As per the suggestion of the then Hon'ble Chief Minister, in the year 2011-2012 an innovative scheme **Buy 2 Get 1 Free scheme** was launched. The scheme is continued due to encouraging response. During 2017-2018, Co-optex has achieved a sales of Rs. 35 Crore through this scheme.

Co-optex launched a special sale promotion offer "**Aadiyil Athirstam**", during the Tamil month of Aadi i.e., from 14.07.2017 to 13.08.2017 to compete with the special discounts offered by private retail stores and achieved a sales of Rs.20.13 crore.

Kanavu Nanavu Thittam

Co-optex offers a popular monthly savings scheme named as "Kanavu Nanavu Thittam". Customer can invest through monthly installments starting from Rs.300/- and multiples

of Rs.100/-. Customer pays 9 monthly installments and Co-optex pays the 10th installment. In this scheme, the customer reaps 58% cash benefit on their 9 month savings. 36,000 customers have been enrolled under this scheme. During the year 2017-2018 a sales of Rs.13.62 crore has been achieved under this scheme. A sale of around Rs.24 crore is anticipated during the year 2018-2019.

Thanga Mazhai Thittam

To promote cash sale during festival seasons (15.09.2017 to 31.01.2018) covering Deepavali, Christmas and Pongal, Co-optex introduced "Thanga Mazhai Thittam". Each customer, who buys products for Rs.2000/- and in multiples in cash or by credit / debit card, contest coupons are issued. Under this scheme a total of 1.10 Kg Gold coins were distributed to 220 customers.

Staff Recruitment & Training

Co-optex has recruited 50 Nos Assistant Sales Man / Assistant Sales Women during 2017-2018. The new marketing staff with computer skill were given appointment and posted in Showrooms all over India.

The staff were given training in Salesmanship, Customer reception and product awareness.

International Fairs

Co-optex International has participated in the Who's Next Fair 2017 Paris, France during September 2017 and Heimtextil Fair at Frankfurt, Germany during January 2018 which resulted in an overall / exports sales to the tune of Rs.1.02 crore during the year 2017-2018.



Co-optex Stall at Who's Next Fair at Paris, France



Co-optex Stall at HEIMTEXTIL Fair at Frankfurt, Germany

Implementation of Government Schemes

Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Pongal 2018

Under the Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties Scheme for Pongal 2018, Co-optex was one of the Nodal Agencies for supply of sarees and dhoties. Co-optex has supplied 76.11 lakh sarees and 81.71 lakh dhoties to the Taluk offices.

Cost Free Supply of Uniform Scheme

Under Cost Free Supply of Uniform Scheme, Co-optex was one of the Nodal Agencies for supply of free uniform cloth to School Students. Co-optex has supplied Drill 71.71 lakh meters, Casement 119.66 lakh meters and Dupatta 69.42 lakh meters to Social welfare Department for the year 2017-2018.

Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties to Old Age Pensioners

Co-optex is the nodal agency for supply of Cost Free Distribution of Sarees and Dhoties to Old Age Pensioners. During Deepavali 2017 Co-optex has supplied 20.24 lakh Sarees and 7.91 lakh Dhoties to Old Age Pensioners. Similarly, during Pongal 2018, 20.45 lakh Sarees and 7.91 lakh Dhoties were supplied. The total value of supply was around Rs.84.83 Crore.

Action Plan for 2018-19

Sales Target

Co-optex aims to achieve a target sale of Rs.340 Crore during 2018–2019 by developing new designs, introducing new products, further modernization of the showrooms, wide publicity and by canvassing more orders from the Government Departments.

9. BUDGET PROVISION FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019

The State Government has made allocation of Rs. 1240.72 crore in the Budget Estimate for the year 2018-19 for the Department of Handlooms and Textiles as detailed below:-

S. No	Name of the Scheme	Budget Estimate 2018-19 (Rs. in lakh)
1	Free Distribution of Dhoties and Sarees Scheme	49045.00
2	Free Electricity to Handloom Weavers	484.05
3	Free Electricity to Powerloom Weavers	43644.45
4	Handloom Support Programme	4000.00
5	Payment of Interest Subsidy Scheme	1050.00
6	Rebate on Sale of Handloom Cloth	15000.00
7	Payment of Premium for Tamil Nadu Co-operative Handloom Weavers under Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana Scheme	150.00
8	The Co-operative Handloom Weavers Savings and Security Scheme	1200.00

S. No	Name of the Scheme	Budget Estimate 2018-19 (Rs. in lakh)
9	Health Insurance Scheme for Handloom Weavers	150.00
10	Old Age Pension and Family Pension Scheme	2500.00
11	Prize Award to Best Weaver	1.00
12	State Textile Advisory Committee – Office Expenses and TA/DA to Non-Official Members	10.00
13	Cluster Development Programme under Comprehensive Handloom Development Scheme	200.00
14	Marketing Incentive under Comprehensive Handloom Development Scheme	3000.00
15	Rent subsidy for Powerloom Service Centre at Erode	3.12
16	Construction of new Buildings for the Office of the Department of Handlooms and Textiles	50.00
17	Ways and Means Advances to Non-Functional Co-operative Spinning Mills controlled by the Commissioner/Director of Handlooms and Textiles	100.00
18	Salaries and Administrative Expenses	2847.20

S. No	Name of the Scheme	Budget Estimate 2018-19 (Rs. in lakh)
19	Salaries and Administrative Expenses for Enforcement Wing	240.72
20	Salaries and Administrative Expenses for Secretariat – Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department	396.77
21	Other items	0.18
TOTAL		124072.49

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