

Government of West Bengal
Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises & Textiles Department
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Memo No. 2204-MSMET (I)/C-I/4M-36/15

Dated:-14/07/2015

NOTIFICATION

The Governor has been pleased to accord approval of this scheme named "TANTISATHI" of MSSET Department for assistance to Handloom Weavers for strengthening the Handloom Sectors in West Bengal.

This Notification issues under concurrence of Finance Deptt. Gr. C. vide their U.O. No.Gr. C/2015-2016/0061, Dated- 08/07/2015 read with Finance Deptt., Group N vide their U.O.No. 0672, Dated- 08/07/2015.

Background

As per the 3rd Handloom census of 2009-10 4 lakh households are engaged in handloom activities in West Bengal comprising 6.65 lakh handloom workers. As compared to this the number of looms as per the Census is 3 lakh out of which only 2.28 lakh are in working condition.

Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises & Textiles Department provides looms to loomless weavers under different projects like Cluster Development Project of Directorate of Handloom, Capacity Development Project of WBKVIB and under Natural Fibre Mission Project of the Department but still there exists a big gap between the number of weavers in the profession vis-a-vis the number of looms in existence. Nearly 30 to 40 percent of weavers are dependent on others' looms for their livelihood and eventually are exposed to misery and exploitation.

An estimate of the demographic composition of weavers is as under:

- Other Backward Class (OBC) : 75%
- SC & ST Community : 15%
- Minority Community : 10%

Scope of intervention and objective

To bridge this gap and to empower the poor and marginalized weavers of the State Department of MSME & T proposes to launch a scheme of providing modern/modified looms to 1 lakh weavers of the State. This will lead to their development and achievement of higher productivity and eventual production of more value-added items with modern/modified looms. The scheme has been conceived in consultation with all stakeholders.

1. In view of the above, it is necessary to provide approval relating to :

A. Name of the Scheme

The scheme will be known as **Taanti Sathi**. The scheme will come into operation from July, 2015.

B. Coverage: Providing modern/modified looms, accessories & implements in physical form in the form of a package to 1 lakh loomless weavers of the State.

C. Project Cost: Rs 120 crore (@Rs 12000 per head)

D. Intervention package

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| (i) Looms (New/Renovation) | : Rs 10000 |
| (ii) Accessories | : Rs 2000 |

E. Duration: 1 year starting July 2015

F. Back-up assistance: Back-up assistance and hand-holding support would be provided from the state government and specialized agencies like Skill component of the Handloom Circuit (with TET Department), State Design Centre, Weavers' Service Centre, NIFT etc. for upgradation of skill and adoption of new technology and product diversification by the weavers. Appropriate interventions will be taken for financial inclusion of the assisted weavers by linking them with the Bank through Weavers' Credit Card (WCC). Appropriate market linkages will be provided by Tantuja, Manjusha and Biswa Bangla.

The intervention will supplement the ongoing 89 Cluster Development projects in the state, the Comprehensive Handloom Development Project of Dakshin Dinajpur and Mega Handloom Cluster of Murshidabad.

G. Operation, Monitoring & Evaluation

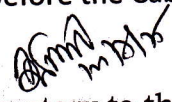
Directorate of Handloom and West Bengal Khadi & Village Industries Board, Government of West Bengal.

H. Funding: Department of MSME&T has the required fund to meet the expenditure for the project under Natural Fibre Mission (NFM) and core budget for Handloom and Khadi.

1. The Scheme of Taanti Sathi has got in principle concurrence of the Finance

Department vide their U.O. No.0672 dt. 08.07.2015.

2. Approval of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of West Bengal has been obtained in file No. MSMET/O/C-I/4M-36/15 for placing this proposal before the Cabinet.

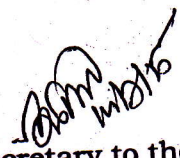

Deputy Secretary to the
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3. The Principal Accountant General (Receipt, Works & Local Bodies Audit), CGO Complex, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091.
4. The Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.
5. Sr. PS to the Principal Secretary, MS&ME&T Department, Government of West Bengal.
6. Director of Textiles (Handloom, Spinning Mills etc.)
7. MD, Tantuja, Salt Lake.
8. The Chief Executive Officer, West Bengal *Khadi* and Village Industries Board.


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