

**GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION
OF
TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADATION OF HANDLOOMS IN NER**

**A sub scheme of
NORTH EAST TEXTILE PROMOTION SCHEME (NERTPS)**

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Introduction :

The primary aim of the NER Textile Promotion Scheme is to develop and modernize the handloom sector in north east states by providing required government support to achieve better productivity, increase in employment and value of handloom products through various interventions by means of improvement in design capability, diversification of product lines and value addition, upgrading technology and improvement in labour productivity by providing pneumatic jacquard system dobby, healds, reeds, bobbins shuttles, harness etc. Besides, the scheme will focus to improve efficiency and quality of products by warp beam and fabric beam, take-ups & let off motions, using multiple box motion for continuous weaving of two different kinds of weft, multiple buti weaving sley for weaving butis, twin cloth weaving mechanism for weaving mats, stoles etc., purchase of new handloom, normal/ motorized warping machine etc. Any technological innovation/up-gradation/improvement, accessories, other than above will also be considered on need basis of the cluster. The scheme is expected to have more impact and better outcomes than a strategy based on implementing other plan schemes of the Ministry of Textiles (MoT). Implementation of the project based strategy as envisaged in the NER Textile Promotion Scheme would not only enhance utilisation of earmarked funds but also, substantially contribute to the development of handloom sector in the NE region.

As per the handloom census 2009-10, there are 23.77 lakh handlooms in the country, of which 16.47 lakh handlooms (69.28%) are in NER. Out of the total handlooms in the NER, 8.60 lakh handlooms (52.21%) are domestic handlooms i.e. the weavers are producing fabric for their own consumption.

In order to raise the standard of living of the weavers by having more earnings and also to contribute significantly in the development of handlooms of NER, there is need to up-grade the existing handlooms and also, to commercialize these handlooms to produce newly developed/diversified the product range so that these are not only sold outside the NER but also abroad.

Funding Pattern and Financial Limits:

Under the proposed scheme for NER, under NERTPS funding for technological up-gradation of the handlooms, dobby, jacquard and accessories will be provided to the extent of 90% of the cost of the handloom by the GoI and remaining 10 % by the Implementing agency/beneficiary. The cost of handloom would be upto Rs. 20,000/-. Dobby, jacquard and accessories, wherever required will also be eligible for assistance @ upto Rs. 8,000 per jacquard, @ upto Rs. 5,000 per dobby and other accessories @ upto Rs. 4,000/- per loom.

An illustrative list of possible technological interventions is as follows:

- providing pneumatic jacquard system and motorized jacquard on the existing handloom,
- providing take-up & let off motions on the existing handloom,
- using multiple box motion for continuous weaving of two different kinds of weft,
- using multiple buti weaving sley for weaving butis,
- twin cloth weaving mechanism for weaving mats, stoles etc of narrow width having clear selvages on both sides,
- providing jacquard on the existing handloom,
- providing dobby on the existing handloom,
- providing healds, reeds, bobbins, shuttles, harness etc. to improve efficiency and the quality of the products.
- providing warp beam and fabric beam on the existing handloom,
- purchase of new handloom,
- purchase of normal/motorized warping machine,
- any other technological up-gradation, which reduces drudgery to the handloom weavers/workers and improve productivity.
- committee

Any technological Innovation/up-gradation/improvement, other than above identified by the committee will also be considered on need basis of the cluster.

On identification of the items required for technological up-gradation of handlooms and finalization of technical specifications of each item, State

Government will be required to empanel suppliers with the approval of DC (Handloom). To carry out procurement of looms and/or loom parts/items, the following procedure is prescribed for the guidance of State Governments of NER.

Constitution of Committee

A committee will be constituted by the State Government under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary/Secretary in-charge Handlooms to identify pocket-wise requirement of technological up-gradations, finalize the specifications of each loom part/item and tender for inviting bids, empanelment of suppliers for each loom item and the item-wise price and work out the modalities for distribution of the identified items to the beneficiaries.

Suggested composition of the Committee is as follows:

- a) Principal Secretary/Secretary in-charge Handlooms of the State concerned
- b) Officer In-charge, Weavers' Service Centre concerned
- c) Zonal Director as representative of DC(Handlooms)
- d) Representative of the Finance & Planning Department of the State Government
- e) Managing Director of the State Handloom Corporation/Apex Co-operative Society
- f) President/Secretary of Primary Weavers' Co-operative Society
- g) Representatives of weaves/Master Weavers
- h) Any other member as a special invitee
- i) Director (Handlooms) of the State concerned – convenor

A. Supplier Empanelment

- State Government will publish an advertisement in the leading newspaper/s inviting EoI after fixing the criteria/qualification of suppliers from the eligible applicants for their empanelment,
- The documents submitted by the Suppliers will be examined by a sub-committee Committee, chaired by Director (Handlooms) of the State concerned with technical experts,
- Physical verification of the bidders qualifying technical criterion will be done by this sub-committee to verify their capacities as declared in the bid document,
- Financial bids will be opened for technically qualified suppliers,
- Initially L- 1 for each loom item will be finalized. If production capacity of L-1 supplier is inadequate then if required, the supply order can be awarded to L-2 and L-3 at L-1 rate for speedy implementation of the supply. Proportion of order may be as follows:

This should be clearly mentioned in the bid document to maintain transparency.

After completion of the above activities the names of the potential suppliers with due recommendation of the State Government will be submitted to the DC(Handlooms) for approval.

B. Inviting applications from the Weavers

- State Government may publish an advertisement in local newspapers, inviting applications from weavers for replacement of identified loom parts

- Application forms should be available on the website of State Government and also, with WSC concerned/local office of the State Directorate of Handlooms
- The last date for submission of application form will be 30 days from date of advertisement.
- Application form will be submitted by weavers at identified location (to be mentioned in the adv.) alongwith their financial contribution (X% of the cost of loom parts) in the form Cash/Cheque/Demand Draft drawn in favor of _____.
- A separate bank account will be opened for this purpose by the Implementing agency.
- Weaver will also submit relevant documents as mentioned below along with filled up form:
 - A weaver's photograph
 - A copy of weaver's card (original card required for verification only)
 - Residential proof

C. Placing Supply Order

- Before placing the supply order, supplier will be required to deposit performance guarantee of 5% of the total contract amount.
- Sample of each part to be supplied by each supplier will be maintained by the Implementing agency. However, it will be the responsibility of the weaver to ensure quality of the part/s while taking delivery.
- Supply order will be placed by implementing agency to empanelled suppliers for the respective parts as per the requirement received from the weavers.
- Supply order will be prepared by the Implementing agency in triplicate. One copy of the order will be given to the weaver, second copy will be

given to the supplier and third copy will be retained by implementing agency.

- The supply order shall be signed by the designated official of the Implementing agency with his office seal, having a code of supplier and beneficiary. Order will also indicate the name of the part/s to be replaced and the quantity of each part.
- A supplier, if required may coordinate and confirm the supply order with the Implementing agency.

D. Procurement of loom Parts by the weavers from the supplier

- Once the supply order is placed, the beneficiary will approach the supplier of the part/s and will get the supply as per the quantity and specifications given in the supply order.
- The supplier will retain the copy of the supply order given to the weaver and obtain a receipt of the parts from the beneficiary.
- The parts will be supplied to the weavers within maximum 2 months from the date of supply order. Proper records will be maintained by the supplier for verifying the delivery.
- If above methodology of procurement of loom parts does not fit in, alternatively, State Government/Implementing agency may hold camps at pre-determined date and communicate to the weavers of a particular pocket about the camp, looms parts and their price, distribute the application form to the weavers in advance so that they come to the camp along with duly completed form and relevant documents. At same time, inventory of the handloom parts should be kept in the camp and on submission of the application form alongwith relevant documents and financial contribution, parts should be handed over to the beneficiary.

E. Verification by an Independent agency/PMC to ensure the availability of part/s with weavers and its installation

- Suppliers will submit required documents to the Implementing Agency for payments on weekly/monthly basis, as mutually decided.
- Verification of atleast 40% the supplies will be done by a sub-committee, having representative of the State Govt., WSC concerned, Implementing Agency, PMC etc. within 10 days from the date of supply of parts to weaver.

F. Super check of the handloom parts supplied

Over and above the verification conducted as above, 10% super check will be done by a committee, chaired by the State Director (Handlooms) concerned, with Officer In-charge of WSC concerned, head of Implementing agency and PMC.

F. Payments to Suppliers

- Payments to suppliers will be done by the Implementing agency once verification is over and super check is completed.
- The Implementing agency will update State Government on the supplies made to beneficiaries and payments made to suppliers on weekly basis.

G. Supporting Activities

Weavers Grievances Cell will be established by the State Government to address grievances, if any.