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About This Book —

This Participant Handbook is designed to enable training for the specific Qualification Pack (QP) Two Shaft Handloom Weaver. Each National Occupational (NOS) is covered across Unit/s.

All the activities carried out by an operator are covered in this course. Upon successful completion of this course the candidate will be eligible to work as Two Shaft Handloom Weaver.

Key Learning Objectives for the specific NOS mark the beginning of the Unit/s for that NOS.

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Carry out pre weaving activities TSC/ N 7305
- 3. Operate the loom TSC / N 7306
- 4. Contribute to achieve quality in handloom weaving TSC/ N 7307
- 5. Maintain work area and tools in handloom sector TSC/ N 9005
- 6. Working in a team in handloom sector TSC/ N 9006
- 7. Maintain health, safety and security at work place in handloom sector TSC/ N 9007
- 8. Comply with work place requirements in handloom sector TSC/ N 9008

Symbols Used -



Key Learning Outcomes



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Unit Objectives



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1. Introduction

Unit 1.1 - Textile Industry and Handloom in India - An Overview

Unit 1.2 - Handloom Industry – History, Origin and Significance

Unit 1.3 - Basic Textile Terminology – Fabric Fiber and Yarn

Unit 1.4 - Job Role Description - Two Shaft Handloom Weaver



Key Learning Outcomes



At the end of this module, the participant will be able to:

- 1. Understand the importance and scope of Textile Sector in India
- 2. Understand the origin and use of different Fibers, Yarns and Fabrics
- 3. Understand the variety and versatile application of handloom textiles
- 4. Gain knowledge on nature of schemes and support that the Government extends to the industry
- 5. Understand the roles and responsibilities of Two Shaft Handloom Weaver

UNIT 1.1 Textile Industry and Handloom in India – An Overview

Unit Objectives 6



At the end of this module, the participant will understand:

- 1. The different parts of a loom and their functions
- 2. The machinery and equipment that are used for weaving
- 3. The different types of weaves and their properties

1.1.1. Textile Industry in India and Handloom Weaving

The texle industry of India accounts for 14% of the total Industrial producon, contributes to nearly 30% of the total exports and is the second largest employment generator a. er agriculture. It is because of all these factors that it occupies a unique place in our country.

One of the earliest to come into existence in India, India's texle sector comprises four important segments-

- New texle mills
- Power looms
- Handlooms
- Ready Apparel and Made-ups

The process of operaon of the loom, an ingenious wooden structure, by hand and with only man power is what gives meaning to the word Handloom

Brief Introducon of Texle Sector in India

Manufacturing of texles is one of the oldest industries. A variety of texles play many small and big roles in our everyday lives. It caters for the fundamental human need for clothing and for protecon and fulfills basic demand for decoraon. Other than this, texles also have an assortment of other uses, like making packaging in the form of bags, baskets and pouches. In households, texles form a substanal part of carpeng , upholstered furnishings, shades, towels, table accessories and covers, bedding and quilts, and even art pieces. In the workplace, industrial processes such as filtering, conveyor belts, etc use texles. Other different uses include flags, handkerchiefs, cleaning rags, backpacks, tents, nets, transportaon devices such as balloons, sails, parachutes, etc. It is also the second largest provider of employment in the country after agriculture. India being one of the world's largest producers of texles and texle based products, this sector contributes to naonal economy not only in terms of creang and sustaining direct and indirect employment but also foreign exchange earnings. Abundant supply of raw materials - natural and manmade fibers and skilled workforce is what has helped India to become a major producon hub.

The diversity of acvies and typologies is an important aspect of texle sector in India. While it has the tradional hand-spun and hand-woven sector at one end, it also has the capital intensive sophisc ated mill sector at the other end of the spectrum.

It can be broadly classified into the organized mill sector and the decentralized sector.

Organized mill sector

Spinning mills that produce only yarn Composit e mills that produce yarn, and greige and finished fabrics

Decentralized sectors

Handloom sector
Powerloom sector
Hosiery sector
Wetprocessing sector
Garmen tmanufacturing sector
Khadi
Carpe tmanufacturing

Handlooms - The Largest Co age Industry

Handloom texles are an integral cra product of India and constut e the largest co age industry of the country.

Throughout the length and breadth of the country, millions of looms in villages and towns are engaged in manufacturing texles of c o on, silk and other variety yarns. With such extent and reach, each cluster has its own way of weaving the warp and we of the tradional beauty of India's own precious heritage.

Before the advent of imperialism and colonizaon, all fabrics (co on, jute and silk) woven by hand. Later on, mechanical systems were used to create means for faster compleon of spinning as well as weaving. The introducon of machines to the process of texle manufacturing allowed scope for due care tp be given to intricate technicalies and thus the producon quanty and quality of products improved manifold. It also allowed the arsans like the he weavers, embroiders and hand-printers greater freedom to create new designs. During the Brish rule, the export business of co on and silk also started which became a means for many Indians to showcase the talent of their experse around the world.

With so many variees of Handloom texles from different states and their finesse, Indian Handloom texles created a special place for India in domesc markets and abroad. This has added to the emergence of India as one of the most diverse and culturally rich countries.

The handloom weaving sector also plays a key role in the country's economy. It is among the largest economic acvies that provide direct employment to more than 65 lakh people that are engaged in weaving and other allied acvies. It contributes to about 19% of the total cloth produced in the country and also adds to the country's export earnings. With effect e Government intervenon in the form of financial assistance and the implementaon of various developmental and welfare schemes, this sector has been able to fight compeon from the power loom and mill sectors.

Handloom offers unmatched flexibility and is extremely versale. This permits experimentaon and allows scope for innovaons. The strength of Handloom lies in its capacity to introduce innovave designs, the intricate details of which cannot be replicated by the Power loom sector. It is for these reasons that Handloom forms a part of the heritage of India, and for centuries it has exemplified the richness and diversity of our country and the brilliant ars try of the weavers.

Since its incepon in the year 1976, the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms has been instrumental in implement various schemes for the promoon and development of the Handloom sector. It provides assistance to the Handloom weavers through its various programmes. Some of the major programmes relate to

- Innovaon and modernizaon of technologies
- Input support
- Markeng support
- Publicity
- Infrastructure support
- · Welfare acvies
- Composite growth
- Development of good quality global standard products
- New product development and research

These schemes that are implemented by the Office of Development Commissioner for Handlooms address the requirements of weavers that primarily constut e the disadvantaged social groups and occupaonal secons that comprise the bo om of the economic hierarchy. Rigorous planned efforts are being made through these schemes and programmes to enhance producon, producvity, and efficiency of the Handloom sector to enhance the income and socio-economic status of the weavers by means of upgrading their skills and providing infrastructural support

1.1.2. Importance of Handloom Industry

The Handloom industry possesses certain advantages over others such as the provision of job at home, the low requirements of capital and the adaptability to changes.

- Handloom weaving is majorly a family occupaon and every member of the family is employed in it.
 Weaving is performed at the weavers house itself. The weavers act independently and attend to their
 family work. They have the freedom to work leisurely. They can choose their own working hours and
 there is no fixed number of hours during which they have necessarily to work. Depending on the need
 they can decide their work schedule and the number of hours they have to put in. This makes it a viable
 choice as occupaon given that people at villages are also involved in other occupaons like
 agriculture.
- When compared to the capital requirements of other industries, the capital requirement per employee in Handloom industry is very less. For instance, the capital requirement per employee in Handloom is less than Rs 5000, whereas it is Rs.11000 and Rs.45000 in n y, small and large scale mechanized industries respect ely. Thus, the capital employment rao is very low in the Handloom industry.
- Frequent changes in colour, borders, designs, textures etc., can be very easily made on Handloom products as Handlooms rely on short warps. These warps are locally prepared for them to facilitate such frequent variaons. Such changes cannot be easily permissible in the power loom or mill sectors, whose warps go beyond 1000 yards at a me. Versale process to create designs that are unique can be implemented with ease.
- In providing employment to the rural populaon, Handloom industry stands only next to agriculture. It provides direct employment to over 10 million people and indirect employment to about 1.5 million people.

1.1.3. The Handloom Sector and Government Support -

Handloom sector is considered to be highly producon and employment oriented. It also lends itself to entrepreneurship. In view of this, the government makes popular announcements in support of industries in this sector in their plan documents.

Government aligned agencies like the KVIC and MSME support the Handloom sector and also form a relevant market linkage for the weavers.

The various schemes of the office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms are categorized as below-

- Producon oriented schemes
- Market support schemes
- Infrastructural Development schemes
- Co-operav e and Management training
- Banking related schemes

Ongoing Schemes and Programmes

For the integraon of schemes for financial assistance provided to the Handloom weavers the Government of India has been proacy e in rolling out new inia v es in addion t o the other ongoing schemes, Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana and set up a Naonal Centre for Texle Design (NCTD).

Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana

This scheme has been launched in April 2001. The scheme is specifically directed for the benefit of the handloom sectors and addresses all the parts of the industry.

For more details you may visit the following link: hp://www .indianyojana.com/vikas-yojana/deen-dayal-hathkargha-protsahan-yojna.html

National Centre for Textile Design (NCTD)

The Naonal Centre for Texle Design was commissioned in January 2001 to support the need for Design Development for both the contemporary and tradional designs required in the Handloom sector to keep up with the dynamic market needs.

For more details you may visit the following link: hp://designdiary .nic.in/about-us.html

Enforcement of Handlooms Reservation Act

The Handlooms (Reservaon of Arcles for Producon) Act, 1985 has been envisioned to preserve and protect the handloom industry from the power loom and texle mill segment which infringes heavily on the livelihood of the handloom weavers.

For more details you may visit the following link:

hp://handlooms.nic.in/writ ereaddata/UploadFile/Act%201985.pdf

hp://handlooms.nic.in/User_P anel/UserView.aspx?TypeID=1211

Input Support

The handloom sector is primarily reliant on the organized mill sector for its major raw material supply of yarns. A large poron of this yarn is in the shape of hanks. To ensure a connuous supply of yarn to the handloom sector a certain % is obligatory on the part of mills to be supplied to the handloom sector as hanks.

National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC)

NHDC is a government undertaking is the only authorised body to implement benefit and schemes for the Handloom sector.

For more details you may visit the folloking link: hp://www .nhdc.org.in/english/ERP-NHDC%20PR-1.pdf

http://www.nhdc.org.in/

Credit Facility

The Naonal Bank of Agricultural and Rural Development Corporaons (Nabard) has been specifically set up to provide Financial schemes at concessional rates to the handloom sector in the form of working capital through various banks such as District Central Cooperav e Banks (DCCB) and State Cooperav e Banks (SCB).