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ABSTRACT

The study finds out that Handloom is the one of the oldest industry in India. Handloom industry is play key role in the economic development of the country. Providing employment to 43.32 lakhs in this papers has cover Growth & Progress Or handloom industry in India during the first five year plan to 12th five year plan.

KEYWORDS

India, handloom industry.

INTRODUCTION

Handloom industry is an ancient cottage industry with a decentralized setup. Handloom industry provides employment to nearly 43.32 lakhs of people with 23.77 lakhs looms. Of people are depending up on ancillary occupation connected with this industry. Handloom sector wears are classified into independent weavers, weavers working under master weavers, weavers working for co-operative societies and wage weavers.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The study with focus on the following objectives.

1. To study the introduction of handloom industry.
2. To study the growth of progress of handloom industry.
3. To draw the conclusion.

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The study broadly examines the growth & progress of handloom industry in India.

METHODOLOGY

The required data has been collected using secondary data. Secondary data collected from Reports, Books, Articles, these dissertations.

GROWTH AND PROGRESS OF HANDLOOM INDUSTRY IN INDIA

The Indian handloom industry has become world famous because of its innumerable varieties of fabrics which go into the making of garments and dresses with 30 lakhs looms employed on cotton handloom throughout the length and breadth of India.

During the sixth five year plan, the employment generated in India handloom sector has increased from 61.50 lakhs person in 1979-80 to 74.66 lakhs persons in 1984-85. The export of handloom fabrics value terms went up from Rs. 290.4 crores in 1979-80 to Rs. 348.8 crores in 1948-85. Further the share of handloom sector in terms of output is 39.38 percent in the total production traditional industries during sixth five year plan period.

During seventh five year plan the target of production of handloom cloth has been placed at 4,600 million meters and additional to be generated has been estimated at 23.47 lakhs persons. The export of handloom fabrics and products were also expected to increase from Rs. 348.86 Crores to Rs. 485 Crores.

During eight five year plan period on annual rate of growth of 5% for production of cloth in the handloom sector suggested and the target of production of handloom cloth during 1990-91 to 1994-95 has been estimated 21,300 million meters in cotton, 935 million meters in silk and 695 million meters in wool. To increase availability of silk production should be increased by 100% by the terminal year of the eight five year plan. Number of handloom weavers 65 lakhs, handloom families 14.50 lakhs and handloom 35 lakhs. It is interesting to note that out of 35 lakhs handlooms in the country more than 14 lakhs handlooms are in the co-operative sector.

During ninth five year plan achievements in production of handloom cloth in 1997-98 was 6792M.Sq.M but decreased to 7506 M.Sq.M in 2000-01 and again increased to 7579 M.Sq.M in 2001-02 during the ninth five year plan the government of India adopted a good number of development schemes to develop the handloom industry in India. The handloom industry assigned an increasingly important role. An outlay of Rs. 2768.19 Crores was envisaged during the plan employment potentiality remained stable with 12.5 million persons it is interesting to note that out of 35 lakhs handloom in the country more than 80% handloom are in the co – operative sector.

During Tenth five plan were to produce 7875 M.Sq.M cloth in 2002-03 and 10,000 M.Sq.M in the terminal year 2004-05 employment potentiality was reduced to 12.0 million persons and export target was set to Rs. 2950 Crores in 2002-03 and 4500 Crores in the terminal years 2004-05 during the tenth five year plan outlay for handloom industry was Rs. 140 Crores for 2002-03 and for terminal year 2002-07 it was sent to 625 crores.

During Eleventh five year plan number of handloom weavers 43.32 lakhs handloom families 15.10 lakhs, handlooms 23.77 lakhs and eight five year plan handloom weavers 65 lakhs, handloom families 14.50 lakhs and handloom 35 lakhs. Decreasing the handloom weavers, handlooms and handloom families eight five plan to eleventh five year plan handloom weavers 22.19 lakhs, handlooms 11.23 lakhs and handloom families 0.6 lakhs.

During twelfth Five Year plan should be to develop a strong, competitive and vibrant sector in order to provide sustainable employment to the weavers and ancillary workers, particularly belonging to the disadvantaged section of the population and to ensure faster, more inclusive growth of the sector. In line with the vision, the focus of action by the government should on strengthening the raw material delivery systems, achieving universal financial inclusion of weavers/ancillary workers, professionalizing the existing institutions with emphasis on strengthened marketing & brand building initiatives, promoting weaver welfare programs, restructuring the cluster development approach and establishing robust monitoring and evaluation systems. The thrust should also be on introduction and Intensification of partnerships with the private sector for greater efficiency and faster growth. Further, design and product diversity, including development of niche

products, should be emphasized to enable handloom goods to gain a competitive edge and be able to respond to rapidly changing consumer trends. In order to achieve these objectives, it is recommended that the existing programs and, in addition, some new initiative may be introduced. Therefore, formation of co-operative makes the weaver stronger to face all the problems of industrial environment and enable to attain a success. A co-operative organization directly serves its members and them to meet there basic needs the co-operatives give on opportunity for the weaver, with the benefit of large scale management and organizations. A co-operative society is organized with the primary motive of providing service to its members. Therefore, co-operative line of organization is suitable to handloom weavers to overcome their problems and thereby achieve upliftment in their standards.

CONCLUSION

Handloom is the one of the oldest industry in India. Handloom industry is play key role in the economic development of the country. Providing employment to 43.32 lakhs in this papers has cover Growth & Progress Or handloom industry in India during the first five year plan to 12th five year plan.

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