

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
DEPARTMENT OF TEXTILES

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No. DOT.28/2021/5,

Dated Shillong the 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

A. Background:

Handloom Sector in Meghalaya is one of the largest unorganized economic sector which constitutes an integral part of the rural and semi rural livelihoods for economic activities. Handloom constitutes one of the richest and most vibrant aspects of the cultured heritage in the state. The sector has the advantage of being less capital investment, minimal use of power, eco friendly and flexibility of small production, openness to innovation and adaptability to market requirements. It is a natural productive asset and a tradition at Cottage Level, which has sustained and grown by transfer of skill from one generation to another. Weavers of this Industry are keeping alive the traditional crafts in the state. It is 100% women participation. As per the 4<sup>th</sup> all India Handloom Census (2019-2020), the number of weavers in the state has crossed 42,000 mark and the number of active looms recorded are 43,220 nos.

In recent times, this sector has seen increase in the number of weavers and some have started to take up as their full time economic activities. This increase in number of weavers can be attributed to various interventions by the department of Sericulture and Weaving, implemented through different schemes / projects, number of Handloom Weaver's Group (HWG), Joint Liability Group (JLG), Handloom Entrepreneurs, Private Handloom Producer Units, Master Weavers, Spinning Units, Cocoon Producer, Professional dyers, etc have come up in the state as the weavers find it remunerative and bring qualitative change in terms of their economic empowerment. Since the number of weavers are rising, and also that the weavers get due recognition and also remunerative prices for their products, it is therefore, high time for the Department of Textiles to recognize these groups/Units as these units are one of the maximum contributor to the employment in the rural areas, uplifting rural economy and livelihood of rural people right from farm to fibre, fibre to fabric.

B. Objectives:

- To streamline and coordinate the economic activities of these weavers, by encouraging them to take advantage of the latest technologies so that the weavers get good remunerative price by enhancing the salability of their products.
- To facilitate Marketing of Handloom Products/diversified handloom Products etc through e-commerce and integrating all weavers to sell their products directly and thereby remove middlemen.
- To ensure that the weavers are fully equipped and trained in innovation and design keeping in mind, local, national and international markets.

- To ensure that the department provides latest technical knowhow to the weavers and aids and assists in scientific farming of eri/muga species and other indigenous varieties of silk.
- To ensure that through the implementation of various schemes / Benefits can be obtained by all stakeholders
- To streamline and ensure standardization in the production handloom products by different units/ groups.

#### **C. Eligibility for Registration:**

1. Joint Liability Groups.
2. Self Help Group (SHGs)/ Handloom Weavers Group (HWGs), Private Handloom Units, Master Weavers, Dyers etc./Cooperative societies/ Individual Weavers.
3. Private Entrepreneurs dealing with handloom Production / Marketing etc.
4. Garment manufacturer dealing with handloom Products of the state.
5. Cocoon producing Units / Spinning Units / Reeling Unit etc.
6. Professional dyers.

#### **D. Criteria for Registration:**

1. In case of **Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)** the number of active looms should be 25 numbers with minimum of 50 numbers.
2. In case of **Self Help Groups / Handloom Weavers Group** should have a minimum of 10 members and at least five active looms.
  - a) The bank account should be in the name of the Group.
  - b) The Group should be active for at least 1 year in Handloom Production and other related activities.
3. For Master Weavers / Private Handloom Producer /Private Entrepreneur/Professional Dyers.
  - a) The bank account should be in the name of the proprietor.
  - b) There should be a minimum of 5 weavers under his/ her unit alongwith 5 looms.
  - c) For Professional Dyers, to be equipped with organized dyeing methods and quality dyed yarns alongwith full set of dyeing equipment for application of dyers/pigments, with minimum 3 workers.

Details of Members may be submitted as per Annexure –I below :

**Annexure -I**

**Application for Registration of Handloom/Sericulture Unit**

**Name of the Group :** \_\_\_\_\_

We, the members of the group, do hereby declare that the information stated below is true to the best of my knowledge.

Sl No	Name of the members	DOB	Address	Weavers ID/ Spinners/ Farmers	Epic / Aadhar no.	Bank Account	Phone Number	Type of Looms & No of looms	Remarks Photograph of the weavers with signature.
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Authorized Signature for the Group

**E. Application and Registration Fee.**

- The **application fee is free** for all the applicants.
- The registration fee is as follows:
  - (a) Joint Liability Groups @ 500/-
  - (b) SHGs/HWGs/Master Weavers/Dyers/Private Entrepreneur/ Private Handloom Units / garment manufacturer/Professional Dyers @ 200/-
  - (c) Payment should be through Cheque/Demand Draft to be drawn in favour of Director Sericulture and Weaving, Shillong.

**F. Submission of application.**

The application form can be obtained from the Directorate of Sericulture & Weaving / Zonal Officer Sericulture / Zonal Officer Weaving and respective District Handloom Officer / District Sericulture Officer for District Offices where the applicant is located/operating their concerned activities their respective District Officer.

Submission of applications can be submitted to the Zonal Officer Weaving/ District Handloom Officer for Handloom applicants and in respect from the Sericulture, to Zonal Officer Sericulture/District Sericulture Officer by Sericulture applicants

The field staff of the Department will assist the applicants in filling the form and the attaching necessary documents for submission.

**G. Verification:**

The concerned District Officers will depute field staff for causing inspection and verification. After verification, the District Officer will duly recommend and forward the application to the Directorate for necessary action.

**H. Registration Procedure:**

The Directorate Sericulture and Weaving will cause scrutiny of the applications along with the documents, and if found correct and complete, will seek necessary approval from the Administrative Department, Department of Textiles.

Once the applications are approved, the Directorate of Sericulture & Weaving will process and issue the Certificate of Registration to the applicant.

*Sd/-*

*(Shri F. R. Kharkongor, IAS)*

Commissioner and Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Department of Textiles.

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