

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:517  
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MARKETING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Marketing Development Assistance Scheme introduced in 2000 in the handloom sector in lieu of rebate is significant;
- (b) if not, whether the Government has any plan to reintroduce the 20% rebate scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA )

- (a) The Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme was not introduced in the year 2000. However, a scheme with the same name was introduced in 1988-89 and has since been discontinued w.e.f. 1.4.2000. The Scheme of Marketing Development Assistance has played a significant role in marketing of handloom goods during the period of its operation.
- (b) There is no proposal at present to re-introduce 20% rebate scheme.
- (c) Does not arise