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Title : Regarding skill upgradation of Weavers in Medak Parliamentary Constituency -laid.

**SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY (MEDAK):** I would like to draw the kind attention of the Government towards the need to protect the weavers' community in my 7 Assembly Constituencies especially in Siddipet and Dubbaka Assembly Constituencies which fall in my Medak Parliamentary Constituency in Telangana State. It is stated that there are about 25000 to 30000 weavers who hail from Padmashali and Neelakantam communities in my Parliamentary Constituency. It also has the highest number of weavers in Dubbaka followed by Siddipet Assembly Constituency and other Constituencies also have weavers. However, majority of them do not have proper employment opportunities. With the introduction of new technologies, their skills are not matching with the imported machinery and particularly youth need more skill training for which more skill development centres and technical institutes may be set up by identifying the weavers' interests.

Hence, I request the Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, to kindly intervene in the matter and do the needful.