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Title: Regarding block level handloom clusters under National Handloom Development Programme.

**SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY (BHONGIR):** Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me an opportunity to raise an important issue.

About four lakh handloom weavers in my parliamentary constituency are facing many challenges due to technology upgradation, product diversification, lack of design development to suit the current market trends, lack of modern dyeing facilities, etc. because of which most of the weavers are moving away from their profession.

There is a need to protect the ancient, historical and artistic skills of weavers and they need the Government's support to preserve handloom heritage. At present, in my constituency, 7,318 handloom weavers and 14,636 handloom ancillary workers are dependent on handloom weaving profession for their livelihood.

My request to the hon. Minister, through you, is to consider providing suitable livelihood to handloom weavers and preserve the handloom heritage in this area. Thank you. ...(*Interruptions*)

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