

Regarding problems faced by the weaving industry in Tamil Nadu-Laid

**SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN (ARAKKONAM):** Though India is the World's largest producer of cotton, due to loss of jobs of more than 80000 power loom and handloom workers in the constituency of Arokkonam, the weaving industry is facing long drawn recession. In order to save the handloom industry in Tamil Nadu, levy of GST should be banned, rebate should be given for yarn fabrics, welfare measures for handloom weavers such as, pension, free power supply, technology upgradation in weaving industry, establishment of Textile Park at Tirutani etc. are to be initiated. Rise in prices of cotton hank yarn seriously affects the production of handloom industry. Handloom weavers are unable to generate demand in domestic and global markets. To save the handloom industry, exemption from GST, reduction of yarn prices, strengthening of Weaver's Cooperative Societies, timely payment to handloom weavers, export promotion activities etc. are to be taken up on war footing. I would like to know about the remedial actions being planned to sustain the handloom and power loom workers and to save the weaving industry in Tamil Nadu.