

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5063  
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2000  
PLIGHT OF HANDLOOM WEAVERS  
PRASANNA ACHARYA

**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government are aware of the plight of Handloom weavers in different parts of the country, particularly in the Orissa;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to redress their plight;
- (c) the details of new schemes introduced during the last three years, till date for their benefit ; and
- (d) the names of proposals received from the various State Governments under the new schemes and financial assistance provided thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and proposal-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Central Government mitigates the plight of weavers by extending financial assistance through a number of Schemes, such as, Workshed-cum-Housing, Health Package, Insurance Schemes, Thrift Fund and Developmental Scheme, namely, Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.

(c) The New Insurance Scheme was introduced in 1997-98 with the objective to give social security to the Handloom Weavers. An integrated and comprehensive developmental scheme, namely Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana has been introduced during the current financial year, covering a number of activities for the benefit of weavers, such as inputs, infrastructure facilities, design development and Marketing incentive etc.

(d) The State Governments have been requested to send their proposal under Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protasahan Yojana. Details of releases made to State Governments under New Insurance Scheme during the last three years and 2000-2001 are as under :-

Sl.No Name of the State Funds released ( Rs. in lakhs).  
1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000 2000-01

1. Andhra Pradesh 32.98 12.28 15.19

2. Assam 0.25

3. Bihar 2.34 3.59 0.36

4. Gujarat 2.79 2.63 2.73

5. Kerala 3.00

6. Madhya Pradesh 2.55 1.83 0.67

7 Orissa 18.00 18.00

8. Rajasthan 1.68 1.36 2.56

9. Tamil Nadu 0.36

10. Tripura 0.14 0.60