

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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BAN ON IMPORT OF CLOTH
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have proposed to stop import of cloth to bail out weavers whose plight is pitiable; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) & (b) With the liberalisation of the Indian economy, international trade in textiles is bound to increase. The miniscule increase in the import of cloth is not likely to affect the socio-economic conditions of handloom weavers. As such, there is no proposal to stop the import of cloth.