

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO MAHARASHTRA
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are providing any financial assistance to the State Governments for the development and promotion of handloom industry under various centrally sponsored schemes;
- (b) if so, whether in order to provide relief to handloom weavers, a New Insurance Scheme was introduced in the year 1997-98;
- (c) if so, whether meagre amount has been given to the State Government of Maharashtra under this scheme so far;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has also not been given any financial assistance under the another scheme called 'Development of Exportable products and their Marketing Scheme'; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Government extends financial assistance to various State Governments under welfare and developmental Schemes for the benefit of handloom weavers. A scheme called the New Insurance Scheme was also introduced in the financial year 1997-98.
- (c) to (f) The State Government of Maharashtra did not submit any proposal under the New Insurance Scheme or the Scheme for Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing. The question of providing financial assistance under the aforesaid schemes did not, therefore, arise.