

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF HANDLOOM INDUSTRY IN SC/ST DOMINATED AREAS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is adequate opportunities for the growth of cotton handloom industry in the country, particularly in tribal and scheduled tribe dominant areas;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to find out the possibilities for the growth of handloom industry in the country, particularly in Maharashtra; and
- (c) the assistance proposed to be provided by the Government to promote handloom industry particularly in tribal and scheduled tribe dominant areas during the current financial year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b)and(c) Different Schemes are being implemented by the Government to promote handloom industry all over the country, including the tribal and scheduled tribe dominant areas in all States, including Maharashtra. For example, special dispensation has been made in terms of financial contribution from the Central Government for societies having 100% SC/ST population under Project Package Scheme. The release of financial assistance is considered on the basis of viable proposals from the State Governments.