

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SHARE OF HAND/POWERLOOM IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of powerlooms and handloom sectors separately in the textile industry;
- (b) whether the traditional handloom industry suffers competitive edge against the modern powerloom sector; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect and make the handloom sector self-sustainable?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL))

- (a) Based on the joint census of handloom and powerlooms conducted in 1995-96 73.72% looms are in the handloom sector and 26.28% are powerlooms, excluding looms in the organized mills sector.
- (b) The handloom industry suffers cost disadvantage due to the higher level of manual activity in handloom weaving compared to the powerloom sector.
- (c) Government of India is implementing the following schemes for the overall development of the handloom sector and for the welfare of handloom weavers throughout the country:
 - 1) Design Development & Training Programme
 - 2) Marketing Promotion Programme
 - 3) Mill Gate Price Scheme
 - 4) Deen Dayal Hathkarga Prothsahan Yojana
 - 5) Work-shed-cum- Housing Scheme
 - 6) Weavers Welfare Scheme
 - 7) Handloom Export Scheme
 - 8) Implementation of Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985.
 - 9) Scheme for Reimbursement of CENVAT on Hank Yarn.