

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3043
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DETERIORATING CONDITION OF WEAVERS IN ORISSA
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether position of weavers in Orissa is deteriorating day by day due to non-availability of funds provided by the Union Government;
- (b) Whether the Union Government are considering to provide sufficient funds to weavers for introduction of modern technology in weaving; and
- (c) If so, the details of the schemes being considered by the Union Government in this regard and financial assistance provided therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRIGINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c) Government of India extends financial assistance under developmental and welfare schemes to the State Governments for the benefit of handloom weavers. Based on viable proposals received from the State Governments including Government of Orissa, funds are released for skill upgradation, purchase of looms, improvement in weaving techniques, construction of workshed-cum-house, etc. under the schemes to enhance productivity and thereby income of handloom weavers. During 1998-99 and 1999-2000, Central assistance to the tune of Rs.5.02 crores and Rs.6.14 crores respectively was released under different schemes to the Government of Orissa for the benefit of handloom weavers.