

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF HANDLOOM  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether inspite of large number of handlooms existed in the country the productivity is very low;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to increase the productivity in the handlooms to meet the challenges in the International markets?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a)&(b): As per the Joint Census of Handlooms & Powerlooms 1995-96, productivity per working loom in Household and Non-Household units (Average Metres per day) is as under:-

Production per day	
Household	Non-Household
Urban 3.48	11.60
Rural 2.16	10.84

(c) In order to meet challenges in the international markets and to promote the export of handloom products, the following steps are being taken: -

- i) Handloom Export Scheme under which financial assistance is provided for development of exportable range of products and international publicity & marketing thereof;
- ii) Organisation of fairs, exhibitions, Buyer Seller Meets by Handloom Export Promotion Council in overseas markets from time to time to provide the Indian handloom manufacturers an avenue for export market.
- iii) Various export promotion schemes operated by the Department of Commerce such as Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB), Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Access Initiative (MAI) etc.

The export of handloom items has increased from Rs. 2064.94 crore in the year 2001-02 to Rs. 2633.27 crore in the year 2002-03. In the absence of ITC (HS) Codes for the handloom items, export data from 2003-04 onwards is not available.

The Government of India has also been implementing various schemes for the development and productivity in handloom sector in the country viz. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Integrated Handloom Training Project, Handloom Export Scheme, Marketing Promotion Programme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Weavers Welfare Scheme, Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana, Health Insurance Scheme, Implementation of Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act 1985.

The production of handlooms in the year 2004-05 was 5722 million sq. mtrs compared to 5493 million sq. mtrs in 2003-04 which shows an increase. Also in the first quarter of 2005-06 it has registered a growth of 17.9 %.