

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SURPLUS STOCK OF HANDLOOM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge amount of surplus stock of handloom goods are being accumulated by handloom cooperative societies of different States; and

(b) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to sell the accumulated stocks of handloom goods?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) : The Handloom Sector being dispersed in nature has inherent disadvantages vis-à-vis the organized power loom and mill sector especially on account of cost of production and marketing of products. Accumulation of Stocks at various levels, including at the level of primary weavers cooperative societies, is an intermittent feature.

(b) : In order to help sale of handloom cloth including the accumulated stocks, the Government of India provides marketing support in the form of Marketing Incentive under the Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY), provides assistance for organizing National Handloom Expos, Special Handloom Expos, District Level Events like fairs and melas where the handloom organizations are able to sell handloom stocks. The Government of India also proposes to reintroduce the 10% Rebate Scheme for the benefit of the handloom sector.