

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SICKNESS OF HANDLOOM INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Handloom Industry is constantly becoming sick because of its unorganised set-up under Textile industry;
- (b) the reaction of the Government thereon;
- (c) the reasons for sickness of handloom industry;
- (d) whether the Government propose to set up some handloom industrial units in groups so as to organise this industry; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

- (a) No reports have been received from the State Governments about handloom industry becoming sick because of its unorganized set-up under Textiles Industry.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise.
- (d)&(e) Government is encouraging a cluster approach to development of handloom industry, in order to maximize the use of infrastructure and facilities necessary for establishing a smooth supply chain, improving quality and marketing, and thereby increasing to cost competitiveness.