

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of representations received by the Government from the co-operative societies of handloom weavers and other organizations for providing more concessions during the last three years and current year;
- (b) the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) the details of the concessions being provided to the handloom weavers at present; and
- (d) the number of handloom weavers benefited from these concessions till date alongwith the total number thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Several representations have been received from time to time, from various handloom weavers' organizations, including Handloom Co-operative Societies for extending benefits to the handloom weavers. The Government, has introduced various new Schemes like Health Insurance Scheme, Mahatma Gandhi Bunker Bima Yojana, Handloom Mark, Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme for development of handloom sector.

(c) & (d) : The Government of India is providing financial support as a grant under the following schemes for development of Handloom Sector and welfare of handloom weavers:

- i) Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY)
- ii) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme,
- iii) Integrated Handloom Training Project (IHTP)
- iv) Marketing Promotion Programme
- v) Handloom Export Scheme
- vi) Mill Gate Price Scheme
- vii) Thrift Fund Scheme etc.

Under the handloom Schemes, no. of weavers benefited during the last two years and current year (till September 2006) are as follows:

2004-05 10,07,178 2005-06 9,81,342 2006-07 (upto Sept.06) 7,51,802 Total 27,40,322

Under the Marketing Promotion Programme, individual weavers are assisted through their participation in the Craft Melas and at Delhi Haat. Around 600 handloom weavers participate in the Craft Melas and around 1200 weavers participate in Delhi Haat every year to sell their products. Handloom weavers are also provided opportunity to market their products in the Exhibitions held at National and District Levels.