

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:838

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. LOAN WAIVER OF HANDLOOM WEAVERS

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

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to extend a package of rupees one thousand crore to waive off the loan of handloom weavers of the country;

(b) whether the Government also proposes to decrease the interest rate on loans provided to these weavers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c) : A High Level Committee headed by the Managing Director, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Mumbai was constituted by the Ministry of Textiles to evolve a financial package for the handloom weavers. The Committee submitted it's recommendations on various aspects, including waiver of overdue loans/interest and providing the loan @ 7% p.a. A proposal, in this regard has been submitted to Ministry of Finance for their approval.