

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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ECONOMIC BACKWARDNESS OF WEAVERS COMMUNITY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has set up any Committee to study the Economic Backwardness of Weavers Community living in rural and semi urban areas and depending upon traditional occupation/artisanship particularly in Bagalkot District of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, whether the said Committee has submitted its report; and
- (c) if so, the findings thereof alongwith the follow up action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Office of the Development Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles has not set up any such Committee to study the economic backwardness of weavers community living in rural and semi-urban areas. However, a diagnostic study of Mahalingapur handloom cluster in Bagalkot district of Karnataka was conducted which has been sent to the state government of Karnataka.