

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:600  
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2010  
HANDLOOM WEAVER ASSOCIATION  
Alagiri Shri S. ;Sinh Dr. Sanjay

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

- (a) whether the Handloom Weavers Association has complained against the step-motherly attitude of the Government for not helping the weavers;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is not providing necessary assistance to the weavers community whose three crore families are being affected;
- (c) whether the Government is helping only powerloom sector at the cost of handloom sector; and
- (d) if not, the amount of assistance provided by the Government for handloom and powerloom sector separately during each of the last three years and the current year so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SMT. PANABAACA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. The Government of India has not received complaint from Handloom Weavers Association towards the step-motherly attitude of the Government for not helping the weavers. The Government of India is implementing various schemes for the development and welfare of the weavers both in handloom as well as powerloom sectors.

(d): Amount of assistance provided by the Government under various developmental and welfare schemes for handloom and powerloom sectors separately during last three years and current year is as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Amount released by Handloom Sector	Amount released by Powerloom Sector
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2006-07	195.67	63.53
2007-08	292.58	54.51
2008-09	324.44	43.08
2009-10	267.17	30.61c
(till Jan'10)		
Total:	1079.86	191.73