GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TEXTILES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3250 ANSWERED ON:15.04.2010 SUBSIDY TO HANDLOOM SECTOR Chitthan Shri N.S.V.

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has given any subsidies to Handloom Sector during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the amount of subsidies provided towards Handloom Sector, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) No, Madam. The Government of India during the XIth Plan is not implementing any scheme in the Handloom Sector which provide subsidy. However, the Government of India is implementing following schemes and extending financial assistance for the Development of Handloom Sector and Welfare of its Weavers during the XI Five Year Plan:
- (i) Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme.
- (ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme.
- (iii) Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.
- (iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme.
- (v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

Under these schemes Government provides financial Incentives and assistance for marketing of handloom products, freight reimbursement for transportation of yarn and assistance for purchase of looms & accessories, construction of Common Facility Centre & Dye House, work-sheds etc. The financial assistance released during last two years is as under:-

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(Rs. in crore)

S1.No. Name of the Scheme 2008-09 2009-10

1. Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme 108.98 115.57

2. Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme 45.00 49.60

3. Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme 124.87 119.80

4. Mill Gate Price Scheme 29.59 30.60
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5. Diversified Handloom Development Scheme 16.00 13.72