

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF HANDLOOM AND TEXTILES
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Kerala had submitted a detailed project report for setting up of an Indian Institute of Handlooms and Textiles in Kerala during the current Five Year Plan period by upgrading the existing infrastructure facilities available in the Institute of Handlooms and Textile Technology, Kannur;
- (b) if so, the main reasons for delay in clearing this project if any; and
- (c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam

(b) & (c): A proposal for setting up of Indian Institute of Handloom Technology by strengthening of existing Institute of Handloom Technology had been received from Government of Kerala in June, 2009. The proposal was examined with reference to the guidelines of Diversified Handloom Development Scheme (DHDS), but not acceded to. As per the guidelines of the scheme, one time financial assistance is provided by the Government of India to the State Government for the setting up of new Indian Institute of Handloom Technology; whereas proposal of the State Government of Kerala appeared to be strengthening of existing Institute of Handloom Technology. The State Govt. has been asked to submit a revised proposal with reference to the guidelines of DHDS, which is still awaited.