

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total cloth consumption in the country annually during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the factors that determine the increase/decrease in cloth consumption; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote the textile industry, particularly the handloom sector?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Statistical data on cloth consumption in the country is not compiled.

(c): Government has introduced through the Union Budget 2010-11 and the Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14, relief and concessional measures including tax concessions, rebates on prevailing duties, exemption from certain taxes concerning exports, enhancements of credit limits, extension of duty entitlement scheme etc., to enhance exports of textiles and clothing. Government is implementing the following schemes for enhancing production, productivity and efficiency of the handloom sector and to enhance the income and socio-economic status of the weavers through skill upgradation and for providing infrastructural and marketing support in the 11th Plan period:-

- (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.