

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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WEAVERS OF CHANDERI SAREES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any specific scheme is in vogue for the weavers of Chanderi Sarees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the said scheme during the last three years;and
- (c) the other measures initiated by the Government for the upliftment of said weavers?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government of India has been implementing various welfare schemes like Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme (IHDS), Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme (M&EPS), Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS), Mill Gate Price Scheme (MGPS) and Diversified Handloom Development Schemes (DHDS) for upliftment of handloom weavers in all over the country including weavers engaged in Chanderi Saree. The Government of India has adopted 20 handloom clusters under the Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme in the year 2006-07. Each cluster has about 5000 handlooms which includes Chanderi-Gwalior as one of the clusters being implemented by Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India. So far Rs.117.55 lakh has been released to the agency for development of the said cluster.