

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6651  
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SUFFERINGS OF WEAVERS  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether reports been received from various quarters including media in regard to sufferings of weavers in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra on account of threats of rising prices and other reasons; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to alleviate the sufferings of the affected weavers?

**Answer**

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

(a): No, Madam. The State Government of Maharashtra has reported that they have not received any report or complaint in regard to sufferings of weavers in the Vidarbha region on account of threats of rising prices and other reasons.

(b): Does not arise. However, the Government of India is implementing number of Schemes to enhance production, productivity and efficiency of the handloom sector and enhance the income and socio-economic status of the handloom weavers by upgrading their skill and providing infrastructural input and marketing support. During the 11th Five Year Plan, the following schemes are being implemented for upliftment of handloom sector: -

(i) Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme;

(ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme;

(iii) Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme;

(iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme; and

(v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.