

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1904
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WEAVERS OF SAMBALPUR
Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan Singh

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by the weavers Sambalpur Sarees in Orissa;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is planning to announce any special package and special training facilities for the Sambalpur Saree Weavers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Government of India is implementing five schemes during the Eleventh Five Year Plan for the development and welfare of handloom weavers including Orissa such as

- i) Integrated Handloom 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.

In Orissa, 33 clusters (including two clusters sanctioned during 10th Plan) are at various stages of implementation during the 11th Five Year Plan. 76 Group Approach Projects have also been sanctioned. Under cluster and group, emphasis is laid on design development and training of weavers in the field of weaving, dyeing and managerial. 74 marketing events such as National Handloom Expo, Special Handloom Expo, District Level Event and Craft Mela were organized during the 11th Plan. In pursuance of the Hon`ble Prime Minister's announcement in 2006, the Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT) at Bargarh has started functioning w.e.f. 2.06.2008. A Design Studio at Bhubaneshwar, has also been approved at the cost of Rs. 66.00 lakh, of which assistance under Market Access Initiatives (MAI) is Rs. 45.00 lakh.

"Orissa Ikat" has been patented under GI (IPR Act) and application has been filed for GI registration of "Sambalpuri Tie Dye".