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CENSUS IN HANDLOOM AND POWERLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering fresh census for the weavers engaged in handloom and powerloom sectors;
- (b) if so, the details of salient features of this census; and
- (c) the time by which the census is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a): The work of conducting 3rd National Handloom Census has been assigned to National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER). Likewise, M/s Technopak Advisors Ltd., has been engaged to conduct an All India Base Line Survey of Powerlooms.

(b): As far as Handloom sector is concerned, it broadly consists of two parts:

(i) Creating a data base for handloom sector regarding number of handloom units, number of handlooms (working, idle, commercial and domestic), number of handlooms and allied workers (full time and part time), types of yarn used, average production per weaver per day and average consumption of yarn per weavers and

(ii) Issue of Photo Identity Cards to handloom weavers and allied workers.

The powerloom Survey aims to capture information on parameters like number of powerloom units, name and address of the unit, installed capacity, employment, production, trend of technology, raw material consumption, type of fabrics, modernization of looms, type of machinery, export and domestic sales, export and domestic value, production cost per unit, cost of utilities, conversion ratio from yarn to fabric, quality of fabrics, percentage of powerloom production using spun dyed fabrics & hank yarn and Weavers related information like education to children, wage, eco condition, dwelling space, etc.

(c): Both the Handloom and Powerloom Censuses are likely to be completed by the end of 2010.