

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:378

ANSWERED ON:19.08.2010

IDENTITY CARDS TO WEAVERS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of male and female weavers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of weavers issued identity cards out of them;
- (c) whether reports have been received that fake claimants are taking benefits of the Government schemes meant for bonafide weavers on the identity cards issued to the bonafide weavers;
- (d) if so, whether any investigation has been conducted in this regard;
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 378 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.08.2010

(a): As per the Joint Census of Handlooms & Powerlooms (1995-96), there were 33.26 lakh handloom weavers excluding ancillary workers. Out of this, 12.22 lakh and 21.04 lakh were male and female respectively. The state wise details are as follows:-

| Sr. No. | State | Male | Female | Total |
|---------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 155086 | 63163 | 218249 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 283 | 29133 | 29416 |
| 3 | Assam | 103890 | 1100757 | 1204647 |
| 4 | Bihar | 62360 | 7835 | 70195 |
| 6 | Delhi | 2814 | 149 | 2963 |
| 7 | Goa | 10 | 4 | 14 |
| 8 | Gujarat | 15319 | 5214 | 20533 |
| 9 | Haryana | 2331 | 2620 | 4951 |
| 10 | Himachal Pradesh | 31074 | 16215 | 47289 |
| 11 | Jammu & Kashmir | 15548 | 4078 | 19626 |
| 13 | Karnataka | 54740 | 14843 | 69583 |
| 14 | Kerala | 15757 | 16272 | 32029 |
| 15 | Madhya Pradesh | 17422 | 4954 | 22376 |
| 16 | Maharashtra | 30823 | 6021 | 36844 |
| 17 | Manipur | 2412 | 415563 | 417975 |
| 18 | Meghalaya# | | | |
| 19 | Mizoram# | | | |
| 20 | Nagaland | 615 | 79201 | 79816 |
| 21 | Orissa | 74917 | 14692 | 89609 |
| 22 | Pondicherry | 2607 | 533 | 3140 |
| 23 | Punjab | 4068 | 1816 | 5884 |
| 24 | Rajasthan | 28959 | 6953 | 35912 |
| 25 | Sikkim | | | |
| 26 | Tamil Nadu | 220100 | 88583 | 308683 |
| 27 | Tripura | 30510 | 100564 | 131074 |
| 28 | Uttar Pradesh | 160472 | 48960 | 209432 |
| 30 | West Bengal | 190084 | 75764 | 265848 |
| | Total All India | 1222201 | 2103887 | 3326088 |

The table excludes states of Meghalaya, Mizoram and Sikkim and Union Territory of Dadra, Nagar & Haveli

(b) to (f): The Third All India Handloom Census and Issue of Photo Identity Cards to the Handloom weavers and allied workers under Diversified Handloom Development Scheme is underway. The significant features of this Census are as follows:-

(i) Enumeration of weavers as well as allied workers along with their family members. In the previous Census, allied workers and their families were not covered.

(ii) Details of looms, cloth production, income levels etc.

(iii) Issuance of photo Identity cards on completion of enumeration. This was not there in the previous census.

No photo identity cards have been issued so far under this scheme. Hence, the issue of fake claimants misusing the identity cards issued to bonafide weavers does not arise. However, for the limited purpose of enabling the weavers to participate in the marketing events, craft melas and Dilli Haat under Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme, 5,000 identity cards have been issued to the weavers so far by various Weavers' Service Centres in the country.