

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:138

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HANDLOOM WEAVERS

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of handloom weavers in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether any survey was conducted to study the problems of the handloom sector;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that major diseases like tuberculosis are common amongst weavers; and
- (e) if so, the measures taken to improve the condition of the sector and its workers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.138 FOR ANSWER ON 18-11-2010

(a): As per the provisional figure of Third Census of Handloom Weavers (2009-10), there are 42.93 lakh handloom weavers including allied workers. The state-wise details are as follows:-

Sl. No. State Weavers and Allied Workers (Provisional)

1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	355,838
2	Arunachal Pradesh	33,041
3	Assam	1,643,453
4	Bihar	43,392
5	Chhattisgarh	8,191
6	Delhi	2,738
7	Goa	0
8	Gujarat	11,009
9	Haryana	7,967
10	Himachal Pradesh	13,458
11	Jammu & Kashmir	33,209
12	Jharkhand	21,160
13	Karnataka	89,256
14	Kerala	14,679
15	Madhya Pradesh	14,761
16	Maharashtra	3,418
17	Manipur	218,753

18 Mizoram	43,528
19 Meghalaya	13,612
20 Nagaland	66,490
21 Orissa	114,106
22 Pondicherry	2,803
23 Punjab	2,636
24 Rajasthan	31,958
25 Sikkim	568
26 Tamil Nadu	331,351
27 Tripura	137,177
28 Uttar Pradesh	257,783
29 Uttaranchal	15,468
30 West Bengal	761,714
Total	4,293,517

Source: Third Census of Handloom Weavers (2009-10)

(b) & (c): The Government of India had conducted evaluation of major schemes implemented during the 10th Plan. Based on the recommendations of evaluation reports, various 10th Plan Schemes have been merged and modified into five schemes for the development of handloom sector and welfare of weavers during 11th Plan, which are (i) Integrated Handloom Development Scheme, (ii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, (iii) Mill Gate Price Scheme, (iv) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme and (v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

(d) & (e): Government of India is providing a Health Insurance Scheme for access to healthcare facilities. All pre-existing as well as new diseases (including tuberculosis) and maternity benefits (per child for the first two), dental treatment, eye treatment, spectacles, baby coverage etc. are covered. The annual cover per family is Rs.15000/- out of which substantial provision of Rs.7500/- has been kept for OPD.