

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1416
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WEAVERS ASSOCIATIONS
Pandey Saroj

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes any plan to protect and promote various Weaver Associations in the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): In order to promote and protect the handloom sector which includes, Self Help Groups/Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies/Corporations/Associations etc. and the handloom weavers in the country, the Government of India is implementing the following developmental/welfare schemes during the Xth Five Year Plan:

- i. Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme (IHDS)
- ii. Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme (HWCWS)-comprises of two components:
 - (a) Health Insurance Scheme
 - (b) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana
- iii. Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme (MEPS)
- iv. Mill Gate Price Scheme (MGPS)
- v. Diversified Handloom Development Scheme(DHDS)