

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CRISES IN HANDLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any Committee to ascertain the crises faced by the Handloom sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken thereon;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the funds allocated for the development of handloom sector has not been utilised completely;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether there is any proposal of providing subsidized loans for the development of handloom sector; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (e): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (f): A "Revival, Reform and Restructuring Package for Handloom Sector" which was recommended by the High Level Committee constituted under the chairmanship of Managing Director, National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) was forwarded to the Ministry of Finance some time ago. The proposal, inter-alia, include recapitalisation of balance sheets of Cooperative Societies and financing the credit needs of handloom weavers/societies at 7% rate of interest with interest subvention. However, in view of the suggestions and observations of Deptt. of Expenditure, the said package has been recast and re-submitted to Ministry of Finance on 07-07-2010.

(c) & (d): Information relating to utilization of funds with respect to Integrated Handloom Development Scheme and Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme are given in the statement I and II respectively.