

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PHOTO IDENTITY CARD TO WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is conducting a National Census of Handlooms and issuing Photo Identity Cards (PIC) to all the eligible weavers and workers;
- (b) if so, the names of agency/institution entrusted with this task;
- (c) whether Government assistance is being given to the weavers on the basis of these cards;
- (d) if so, the details of the assistance given to them; and
- (e) the time by which all weavers are likely to be provided with photo identity cards?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam
- (b): The name of the agency entrusted with the task is 'National Council of Applied Economic Research' (NCAER).
- (c) & (d): The Photo Identity Cards will ensure that only genuine weavers get the benefit of various schemes being implemented by the office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) for their growth and sustained development, in a hassle free manner.
- (e): The Photo Identity Cards (PIC) will be issued to the eligible handloom weavers and allied workers by the end of March, 2011.