

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4851  
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HEALTH INSURANCE FOR WEAVERS  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched a health insurance scheme last year for weavers in the handloom industry;
- (b) if so, whether the annual cover per family of Rs. 15000 has been found too little and the process of claiming the amount is tedious and at times humiliating;
- (c) if so, whether the Government will enhance the insurance cover and make it more friendly for the weavers; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Government of India is providing a Health Insurance Scheme for weavers for access to healthcare facilities since 2007-08 onwards and till the end of 11th Plan.
- (b): Annual cover per family is Rs.15,000/- out of which substantial provision of Rs.7,500/- has been kept for OPD. The process of filing claims is simple. The claims can be filed with the Cluster Coordinator of the Insurance Company or the representative office of the Insurance Company or TPA.
- (c) & (e): Annual cover per family to the tune of Rs.15,000/- out of which substantial provision of Rs.7,500/- kept for OPD, has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) for implementation during the complete 11th plan. Any change in this regard may not be feasible before 12th Plan.