

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:18
ANSWERED ON:02.07.2009
IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF HANDLOOM WORKERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the actual number of people employed in handloom sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any study has been carried out with a view to improving the efficiency of these workers;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the plan chalked out by the Government in response thereto?

Answer

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

- (a): As per Joint Census of Handlooms & Powerlooms 1995-96, 65.51 lakh persons are engaged in weaving and associated activities in the handloom sector.
- (b): State-wise details of number of persons engaged in weaving and associated activities in the handloom sector is enclosed as Annexure-I.
- (c) & d): No such study has been carried out.
- (e): Does not arise.

Annexure I

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 18 for 02.07.2009.

State-wise details of number of persons engaged in weaving and associated activities in the Handloom Sector as per Joint Census of Handlooms & Powerlooms Report 1995-96

S. No Name of the State No. of persons engaged in Weaving (Weavers) & Allied Activities

1 Andhra Pradesh 490616

2 Arunachal Pradesh 53473

3 Assam 2322268

4 Bihar 110732

5 Chattisgarh 28362

6 Delhi 6708

7 Goa 25

8 Gujarat 57936

9 Haryana 22810

10 Himachal Pradesh 65099

11 Jammu & Kashmir 51847

12 Jharkhand 56975

13 Karnataka 177562

14 Kerala 63153

15 Madhya Pradesh 27744

16 Maharashtra 80901

17 Manipur 462087

18 Meghalaya# #

19 Mizoram# #

20 Nagaland 126228

21 Orissa 246782

22 Pondicherry 7369

23 Punjab 13160

24 Rajasthan 71915

25 Sikkim 1228

26 Tamil Nadu 607675

27 Tripura 291761

28 Uttar Pradesh 401362

29 Uttaranchal 19322

30 West Bengal 686254

Total All India 6551354

Data not received from Meghalaya and Mizoram