

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1514
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IDENTITY CARD TO WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of male and female weavers and the numbers out of them who have been issued identity cards, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of issuance of fake Identity Cards to the weavers under the Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme leading to cornering of benefits available to genuine weavers participating in Delhi Haat, Marketing events and Craft Melas;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the connivance of Handicraft and Handloom Officials have also been reported in the issuance of such fake identity cards; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The details of number of male and female weavers and the numbers out of them whose identity cards have been delivered to the State Government are annexed.
- (b) to (e): The distribution of Photo Identity Cards to the Weavers enumerated during Third Handloom Census has commenced only on 23.12.2010. No complaint has been received so far about distribution of fake identity cards under the Third Handloom Census. However, for the limited purpose of enabling the weavers to participate in the marketing events, craft melas and Dilli Haat under Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme, 5000 identity cards had been issued to the weavers so far prior to the census by various Weavers Service Centres in the country. One case of attestation of forged identity card was detected and the officer concerned has been charge-sheeted.