

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AWARDS FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and salient features of the Sant Kabir Award scheme and the number of the weavers who were awarded under the said scheme in the last year;
- (b) whether the Government has introduced another plan for giving award on the line of Sant Kabir Award to the weavers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Sant Kabir Award is conferred on such outstanding weavers who have made valuable contribution in keeping alive the handloom heritage and also for their dedication in building up linkages between the past, present and the future through dissemination of knowledge on traditional skills and designs. Each award consists of one mounted Gold Coin, Tamrapatra, one Shawl and a Citation. In addition, financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 6.00 lakh is also given to each of the Sant Kabir Awardee to innovate and create 10 new products of high level of excellence, of high aesthetic value and of high quality. Sant Kabir Award for handloom weavers is conferred every year, beginning from the year 2009. For the year 2009, 10 handloom weavers have been conferred Sant Kabir Award.

(b) & (c): No, Madam. However, in order to provide recognition for the best and most deserving work amongst handloom weavers, the Government of India is giving National Award and National Merit Certificate to the selected master weavers, in addition to the Sant Kabir Awards. The National Award consists of a Certificate, Angavastram, a Copper Plaque and Cash Award of Rs. 1.00 lakh. The National Merit Certificate award consists of a Certificate and a Cash Award of Rs. 50,000/-.