

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1018  
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CREDIT CARDS TO HANDLOOM WEAVERS  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of handloom weavers to whom credit cards issued/to be issued and the amount spent under the scheme during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the credit limit of credit cards issued to weavers in the country;
- (c) the percentage of women out of total manpower engaged in the field of handloom, handicraft and sericulture industry;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted for evaluating the working condition of these women including provisions for insurance and training facilities etc.; and
- (e) if so, the outcome of the said study?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Weavers Credit Card Scheme has been formulated recently during 2011-12 in consultation with Ministry of Finance and circulated to all Banks vide Notification Circular dated 23.9.2011. It is proposed to issue 10,000 Weavers Credit Cards in 2011-12 and 20,000 Weavers Credit Cards per year thereafter.
- (b): The credit limit will be fixed based on assessment of working capital requirements as well as cost of tools and equipments required for carrying out weaving activity. The maximum limit to individual weavers will be upto Rs.2.00 lakh.
- (c): 77.9% women are engaged in handloom industry, 47.41% in handicrafts industry, and 60.25% are engaged in Sericulture industry, out of the total manpower engaged in these activities.
- (d) & (e): No separate study has been conducted for evaluating the working condition of women.