

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:297

ANSWERED ON:23.07.2009

WELFARE OF WEAVERS AND CRAFTSMEN COMMUNITY

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has evaluated the progress of schemes being run for the welfare of weavers and craftsmen;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the number of weavers and craftsmen covered under the ongoing developmental and welfare schemes, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any study to ascertain the level of indebtedness prevailing in weavers and craftsmen community; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action plan chalked out by the Government to improve this situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO,297 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2009

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Schemes implemented during the X Plan for the welfare of Hand loom weavers were got evaluated through Independent Agencies and based on their recommendations; the schemes of the XI Plan have been formulated with suitable modifications. Like-wise schemes implemented for the welfare of craftsmen were also evaluated in the Handicrafts Sector and have been under implementation as per the recommendations.

(c): Number of weavers and craftsmen covered, State-wise, under various schemes of the handloom and handicrafts sector is given at Annexure.

(d) & (e): No such study has been conducted to ascertain the level of indebtedness prevailing in weavers and craftsmen community as no such instance has been brought to the knowledge of the Government of India.