

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2771
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2009
WEAVERS OF KARNATAKA
Gaddigoudar Shri P.C.

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to provide financial support of Rs. 60,000/- in addition to the existing financial support being provided by the State Government of Karnataka to the weavers under the living cum work shed scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has withdrawn the rebate which was being provided for sale of Handloom products; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken by the Union Government to restore it?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government of India is implementing Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme under which financial support of Rs.25,000/- in the case of weavers Below Poverty Line and in the case of other weavers 75% of the Rs.25,000/- i.e. Rs.18,750/- is provided for construction of workshed of 20 Sq. mtrs in the ratio of 70:20:10 between the Central Government/State Government and the beneficiary.

(c) & (d): The Union Government has not withdrawn the rebate scheme for sale of handloom products. The scheme was launched for a period of 3 years 2006-07 to 2008-09, till 31st March, 2009. However, proposal for continuation of the scheme for another period of 3 years i.e. 2009-10 to 2011-12 is under submission for approval.