

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:212  
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PACKAGE FOR HANDLOOM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has worked out a stimulus package of Rs.3000 crores to revive the crisis-hit handloom sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to extend the loan-waiver scheme to this sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is proposing to set up mega handloom clusters in Orissa;
- (f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up; and
- (g) if not, the reasons thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes Madam.

(b): Ministry of Textiles has constituted a High Level Committee and on receipt of report of the High Level Committee, a "Financial Package for Handloom Sector" worth Rs.2600 crore was referred to the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance on 10.10.08 alongwith CNE note for their approval. As desired by the Competent Authority, the revised Financial Package of Rs.3000 crore resubmitted to Ministry of Finance (Deptt. Of Expenditure) on 23.04.09. Considering the comments of Ministry of Finance dated 27.05.2009, a revised package of Rs.1945.77 crore has been submitted to Deptt.Of Expenditue, Ministry of Finance on 09.10.2009 alongwith CNE note for approval.Approval awaited. The package includes

- i) providing loans to handloom sector at lower rate of interest of 7%
- (ii) Waiver of overdue interest and overdue loans of Weavers/PWCSs/Apex Societies as on 31.03.2007.

(c) No Madam,

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration of this office.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) Does not arise.