

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:586

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WAIVING OF LOANS TO WEAVERS

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial assistance/relief package provided for debt-ridden weavers and the number of weavers benefited, State/Union Territory-wise along with the steps taken by the Government to reach the benefits of the scheme to all the weavers throughout the country;
- (b) the total number of handloom weavers in various States in the country and the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government including the fund allocated/released and utilized thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise and scheme-wise;
- (c) whether cases of corruption and irregularities have been found in the health insurance scheme initiated for the welfare of weavers in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of weavers and their families being covered under health insurance scheme;
- (e) the details of funds allocated under Mill Gate Price Scheme launched for the welfare of weavers in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the condition of the weavers and ensure the optimum utilisation of funds released for the benefit of the weavers?

Answer

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

(a):The Government has approved "Revival, Reform & Restructuring Package for Handloom Sector" having financial implication of Rs. 3884 crore on 24.11.2011. Of this Rs. 3884 crore, share of Government of India is Rs. 3137 crore and that of State Governments Rs. 747 crore. The Package covers loan waiver of 100% of principal and 25% of interest, which is overdue as on 31.03.2010 in respect of eligible individual handloom weavers and weavers cooperative societies. Interest subsidy of 3% for 3 years is also extended with guarantee for the fresh loans sanctioned by the banks to individual weavers and the handloom cooperative societies covered by the loan waiver. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is the implementing agency. The target of number of weavers and their societies are given in Annexure I.

In addition to the above, five plan schemes of 11th Plan are being continued during 2012-13 for the development of the handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers. These are (i) Integrated Handloom Development Scheme; (ii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme; (iii) Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme; (iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme; and (v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

(b):The number of handloom weavers in the country as per Handloom Census of India (2009-10) is given in Annexure II.

The fund released thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/Union Territory-wise and scheme-wise are given in Annexure III.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): During policy year 2010-11, 17.66 lakh handloom weavers from all across the country have been covered under Health Insurance Scheme.

(e): The details of funds allocated under Mill Gate Price in the country during the last three years is detailed below:-

(Rs.in crore)

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
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BE Exp. BE Exp. BE Exp. BE Exp. (Upto 31.7.2012)

25.00 30.60 54.00 65.00 55.60 54.27 385.00 66.55

For the implementation of Mill Gate Price Scheme, money is released to Implementing Agency (National Handloom Development Corporation) and State wise allocations are not made.

(f): Five plan schemes of 11th Plan are being continued during 2012-13 for the development of the handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers. These are (i) Integrated Handloom Development Scheme; (ii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme; (iii) Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme; (iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme; and (v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

In addition to Revival, Reform & Restructuring Package for Handloom Sector", Government has also approved a 'Comprehensive Package for the Handloom Sector' having a total financial implication of Rs.2362 crores across the country, for providing cheap credit under Integrated Handloom Development Scheme. The scheme will also provide subsidized yarn with 10% price subsidy under Mill Gate Price Scheme.

In order to ensure proper utilization of funds by the States, a monitoring system has been put in place. A review of the progress of physical and financial targets in respect of the schemes is being done during the meetings of the Senior Officers of the Ministry by the Secretary (Textiles). Quarterly Review Meetings are also being held with Commissioners/Directors (in charge of Handlooms and Textiles) of all State Governments. Senior officers of the Office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms) review the progress of the schemes during their visits to the States. Evaluation of the schemes has also been done by independent third party agencies. The State Governments are required to furnish proper utilization certificates when due, for funds already released in a scheme, before the release of next installment under that scheme.

Annexure I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.586 FOR 13.8.2012

State-wise Estimated Overdue Loan waiver and Number of Beneficiaries

S.No. Name of State Overdue amount (Rs. crore) Beneficiaries

No of Societies No of Households in debt
1 2 3 4 5

1	Andhra Pradesh	506.64	1420	83841
2	Assam	72.93	2775	24752
3	Uttar Pradesh	499.38	3860	3259
4	Tamil Nadu	548.35	1224	21730
5	Kerala	557.16	758	7441
6	Orissa	320.69	720	10345
7	Meghalaya	2.56	0	100
8	Arunachal Pradesh	2.09	0	167
9	Chhattisgarh	34.7	270	243
10	Karnataka	41.73	658	9449
11	Madhya Pradesh	66.91	531	56
12	West Bengal	420.66	0	136521
13	Himachal Pradesh	2.03	193	78
14	Maharashtra	128.35	120	138
15	Bihar	20.88	1089	462
16	Tripura	17.92	9	297
17	Mizoram	1.76	162	289
18	Other States			
i)	Delhi	276.24	1528	23
ii)	Gujarat		147	
iii)	Haryana		23	

iv) Jharkhand	27		
v) Jammu & Kashmir	3783		
vi) Manipur	1429		
vii) Nagaland	156		
viii) Pondicherry	565		
ix) Punjab	2		
x) Rajasthan	770		
xi) Sikkim	9		
xii) Uttaranchal	183		
Total	3520.98	15317	306285

Annexure II

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.586 FOR 13.8.2012

Number of Handloom Weavers as per Handloom Census (2009-10)

S.N. Names of State(s) No. of Weavers

(1)	(2)	(4)
1	Andhra Pradesh	355838
2	Arunachal Pradesh	33041
3	Assam	1643453
4	Bihar	43392
5	Chhattisgarh	8191
6	Delhi	2738
7	Gujarat	11009
8	Goa	0
9	Haryana	7967
10	Himachal Pradesh	13458
11	Jammu & Kashmir	33209
12	Jharkhand	21160
13	Karnataka	89256
14	Kerala	14679
15	Madhya Pradesh	14761
16	Maharashtra	3418
17	Manipur	218753
18	Meghalaya	13612
19	Mizoram	43528
20	Nagaland	66490
21	Orissa	114106
22	Puducherry	2803
23	Punjab	2636
24	Rajasthan	31958
25	Sikkim	568
26	Tamil Nadu	352321
27	Tripura	137177
28	Uttar Pradesh	257783
29	Uttarakhand	15468
30	West Bengal	779103

All India 4331876

Annexure III

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.586 FOR 13.8.2012

Details of releases made during last three years (2009-10 to 2011-12) and the current year i.e. 2012-13 (as on 31.7.2012) to various States under different Handloom Plan Schemes

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl.No. Name of the State INTEGRATED HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT SCHEME MARKETING & EXPORT PROMOTION SCHEME

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
1 Andhra Pradesh	11.11	13.93	9.58	0.55		2.10	2.04	3.26	0.00
2 Arunachal Pradesh	1.76	1.88	4.72	0.00		0.00	1.75	0.39	0.00
3 Assam	4.54	10.25	10.97	0.00		4.11	5.73	4.60	0.98
4 Bihar	0.00	1.78	1.05	0.00		0.05	0.04	0.39	0.00
5 Chhattisgarh	0.00	2.59	0.94	0.00		0.37	1.12	2.06	0.00
6 Delhi	0.16	3.01	0.16	0.20		0.61	0.16	0.09	0.00

7	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Gujarat	0.97	0.77	2.00	0.00	0.76	0.27	0.89	0.00			
9	Haryana	0.43	0.47	0.08	0.00	0.28	0.33	0.15	0.00			
10	Himachal Pradesh	1.39	2.44	3.43	0.02	0.51	0.61	0.58	0.16			
11	J&K	1.32	1.92	0.71	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.35	0.00			
12	Jharkhand	4.11	3.84	8.90	0.00	0.02	0.18	0.00	0.00			
13	Karnataka	0.74	1.73	5.62	0.50	1.20	1.37	1.86	0.00			
14	Kerala	2.30	1.24	9.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.21	0.00			
15	Madhya Pradesh	0.54	3.09	2.80	0.29	0.68	0.93	0.74	0.71			
16	Maharashtra	0.16	3.10	2.22	0.00	1.37	0.99	1.84	1.22			
17	Manipur	0.00	6.17	19.16	0.00	0.47	1.64	1.72	0.18			
18	Meghalaya	3.42	2.61	5.46	0.00	0.89	0.42	0.58	0.00			
19	Mizoram	0.90	1.97	0.60	0.50	0.00	0.05	0.14	0.00			
20	Nagaland	10.58	8.02	19.19	0.00	3.73	2.33	2.37	1.29			
21	Orissa	5.27	7.12	14.10	0.00	0.74	1.09	0.59	0.00			
22	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
23	Punjab	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
24	Rajasthan	0.15	1.72	0.50	0.00	0.73	0.38	0.11	0.45			
25	Sikkim	0.00	0.47	0.67	0.00	0.04	0.13	0.52	0.03			
26	Tamil Nadu	50.15	48.68	44.56	10.58	0.80	1.44	1.70	0.00			
27	Tripura	0.85	2.98	7.05	0.00	0.36	0.44	1.10	0.00			
28	Uttar Pradesh	3.06	13.06	12.01	0.00	1.73	2.09	2.49	0.16			
29	Uttarakhand	0.15	3.06	1.10	0.21	0.45	0.43	0.38	0.00			
30	West Bengal	2.94	9.02	15.94	2.77	0.60	1.80	0.46	0.00			
Total		107.00	156.92	202.84	15.62	22.60	28.04	29.57	5.18			
Other Organisations		8.57	11.08	16.65	5.96	27.00	30.57	24.57	6.23			
Grand Total		115.57	168.00	219.49	21.58	49.60	58.61	54.14	11.41			

In case of Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme and Mill Gate Price Scheme, funds are released to Implementing Agencies. Hence, State-wise release is not possible.