

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:308

ANSWERED ON:03.09.2012

HANDLOOM AND SAREE INDUSTRIES

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the handloom and saree industries are on the verge of closure in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of the financial assistance and raw material proposed to be provided by the Union Government to the weavers and workers of these industries;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted by the Government to ascertain the negative impact of recession in the handloom sector and if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the concrete measures taken/being taken by the Government to improve the conditions of weavers in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(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. 308 FOR 03.09.2012.

(a) & (b): No Madam, the handloom sector is providing livelihood to 43.3 lac weavers who are producing about 10% of total fabric production of the country on 23.77 lac looms. To support the sustainability and for development of the sector, the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India is implementing the following main schemes to provide assistance to handloom weavers and to improve their conditions viz –(i) Integrated Handloom Development Scheme, (ii)Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme, (iii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, (iv)Mill Gate Price Scheme and (v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

(c): The allocation of fund under Plan Schemes including Financial Package for handloom sector for the current year 2012-13 is Rs. 3253 crore and the target for supply of hank yarn, which is the basic raw material for handloom, for 2012-13 is 2000 lac. kg.

(d) & (e): No study to ascertain the negative impact of recession in the handloom sector has been conducted, but on the basis of empirical evidence of distress due to the downturn, Government of India has announced in December 2011, the schemes for Revival, Reforms & Restructuring Package for Handloom Weavers for loan waiver of Handloom Apex & Cooperative Societies of overdue loans as on 31.03.2010 (entire principal amount and 25% of interest) and a Comprehensive Package to provide fresh loan at concessional rates with a provision of margin money assistance & credit guarantee cover, and also 10% price subsidy on hank yarn on cotton and silk.