

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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UPLIFTMENT OF WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme has been sponsored by the Government for the upliftment of weavers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits given to weavers of Sambalpur sarees in Orissa;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a Textile Training and Marketing Unit in Sonepur District for the benefit of a large number of Textile Weavers in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India is implementing the following schemes during the XI Five Year Plan to enhance production, productivity and efficiency of the handloom sector and to enhance the income and socio-economic status of the weavers.

- (i) Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme
- (ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme
- (iii) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme
- (iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme
- (v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme

Benefits given under the scheme implemented by the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handloom are not product specific but are for the development of the handloom sector and for the welfare of weavers engaged in it. However in order to provide legal protection and to prevent unauthorized production of goods, the Government of India, under the Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme, provides assistance upto 1.50 lakhs per product for registering the item under the Geographical Indications of Goods Act 1999 on the basis of viable proposals received from the concerned State Government.

(c) & (d): At present no proposal is pending with the Ministry of Textiles for setting up of a Textile Training and Marketing unit in Sonepur District. However, Government of Orissa has reported that for extension of training facility to the weavers of Sonepur and its nearby Districts, State Government has taken steps for setting up of Training-cum-Production Centres in the District of Sonepur.