

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2318  
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BANK LOAN TO ARTISANS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to provide loans to artisans, craftsmen and weavers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to help artisans for getting easy credit from banks?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Textiles has two schemes to support credit flow to handloom weavers in the country, viz, (i) Revival, Reform and Restructuring Package for the Handloom Sector and (ii) institutional credit component under the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme under the comprehensive package for the Handloom Sector.

(c); Under the Revival, Reform and Restructuring Package for the Handloom Sector, 20 Apex and 5945 Primary Weavers Coop Societies have qualified for inclusion under the Package norms. While implementing the Package in the Year 2011-12 and 2012-13, a sum of Rs. 184.28 crore have been sanctioned as assistance covering weaver societies and 25146 individual weavers have been benefitted.

Under the Institutional credit component under the Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS) of the Comprehensive Package for the Handloom Sector, an amount of Rs.6.53 crore has been released by NABARD as on 30.10.2012 to participating banks to extend the benefit to 12046 weaver families.