

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF RECESSION ON HANDLOOM INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been carried out to examine the negative impact of recession on the handloom industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has declared any package for the handloom artisans; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): No Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. Union Finance Minister in Budget speech of 2011-2012 announced a Financial Package for Handloom sector. In pursuance to the said budget announcement a scheme titled as Revival, Reform and Restructuring (RRR) Package was formulated, which inter-alia included (a) one time waiver of overdue loans and interest (100% principal and 25% of interest) of eligible handloom cooperative societies and individual weavers as on 31.3.2010, (b) recapitalization of viable and potentially viable handloom cooperative societies, (c) provision of fresh subsidized credit to handloom cooperative societies and weavers covered by waiver by providing interest subsidy of 3% for a period of 3 years for fresh loan with credit guarantee and (d) carrying out legal and institutional reforms for the cooperative societies. Only viable and potentially viable Apex and Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies (PWCs) were to be provided benefit under the RRR package. The package was to be implemented by 31.12.2012. However, on the requests of various State Governments, the implementation of the package was extended upto 31.12.2013 and norms were also relaxed to certain extent in the modified RRR package. The modified RRR package was implemented upto 28.2.2014.