

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PLIGHT OF PEOPLE IN HANDLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of the problems being faced and unsatisfactory plight of the people of handloom sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any recommendations from the State Governments including Gujarat for release of financial assistance to the handloom sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Union Government for the development of handloom sector in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government of India is aware of the problems of handloom weavers, which includes stiff competition from powerloom and mill sectors, yarns prices volatility, absence of market intelligence, inadequate credit flow etc.

(c) to (e): The Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms has received recommendations from various State Governments, including Gujarat for release of financial assistance to the handloom sector. The following schemes and programmes are implemented for the development handlooms and welfare of weavers in the country, including the State of Gujarat:-

I) National Handloom Development Programme

i) Comprehensive Handloom Development Scheme (formulated by merging the components of Integrated Handloom Development Scheme, Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme and Diversified Handloom Development Scheme implemented during XI Plan)

ii) Revival, Reform & Re-structuring Package

II) Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme

III) Yarn Supply Scheme.

IV) Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme.

Under National Handloom Development Programme, an amount of Rs. 1575.78 crore has been released to the various States during the last three years and the current year (till date). This includes an amount of Rs. 13.86 crore released to the State of Gujarat. Under the Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme and Yarn Supply Scheme, funds are released to the Implementing Agencies i.e. Life Insurance Corporation of India, National Handloom Development Corporation etc. and not to the States.