

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the traditional, Kosa and Pochampalli silk industries are on the verge of closure in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons for their decline; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to revive the said industry and also for rehabilitation of the weavers engaged therein?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): No, Madam. However, the Handloom sector, including Kosa and Pochampalli Silk Industries, is facing constraints/problems primarily due to low productivity, stiff competition from powerloom and mill sector, inadequate input supply and marketing facilities as well as insufficient credit flow from institutional sources.

(c): The Government has taken the following steps for the development of handloom sector including Kosa and Pochampalli Silk Industries:-

(i) Pochampalli Silk as well as Kosa Silk products have been registered under the Geographical Indications of the Goods (Registration and Protection Act, 1999) to give legal protection and to prevent unauthorised use of these products by others. For promotion and development of Pochampalli Silk, the Pochampalli Handloom Park in Telangana has been established with an outlay of Rs. 34 crore under the scheme for Setting up of Integrated Textile Park.

(ii) Besides, for holistic development of handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers, the Government of India has been implementing the following schemes:-

1. National Handloom Development Programme
2. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme
3. Yarn Supply Scheme
4. Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

(i) In order to prevent dumping of cheap Chinese silk fabric the reference price (benchmark) for antidumping duty on imported Chinese silk fabric has been increased with effect from 5.12.11 and again continued vide order dated 13.1.2012 for a period of five years as indicated in the table below:-

Major products	Weight (gms/meter)	Earlier reference price (US \$/meter)	Review reference price w.e.f. 13.1.2012 (US\$/meter)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Crepe	Above 35 upto and including 40	2.17	3.12
	Above 55 upto 60 and including	2.84	4.26
	Above 75 upto and including 80	3.45	5.41
Georgette	Above 35 upto and including 40	2.21	2.60
	Above 55 upto and including 60	2.98	3.63
Others	Above 35 upto and including 40	2.18	3.57
	Above 45 upto and including 50	2.52	4.23