

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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CHINESE PRODUCTS IN INDIAN MARKET
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women workers in the handloom weaving industry, State-wise;
- (b) whether the handloom sector is under pressure due to cut-throat competition in the international market and unavailability of loans;
- (c) if so, the impact of Chinese products on handloom products in the Indian market;
- (d) whether the Government is implementing any scheme to bail out the handloom sector which is in a very bad shape; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): As per all India Handloom Census (2009-10) there are 29,98,362 adult women handloom workers in the country. The state-wise details is given in Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): India is the major country where handloom products are produced on commercial basis. Owing to this, there is no competition for handloom sector in international markets. In order to safeguard the handloom sector from the impact of Chinese textile products, the Government of India had imposed antidumping duty on imported Chinese silk fabric with effect from 5th December, 2011 which has further been extended for a five years from 13.01.2012 onwards.

(d) & (e): To bail out the handloom sector and to make available all types of yarn at Mill Gate Price to the eligible handloom weavers, Government of India is implementing Yarn Supply scheme throughout the country through National Handloom Development Corporation (NHDC), Lucknow, so as to facilitate regular supply of basic raw materials to the handloom sector and to help utilizing the full employment potential of the sector. Further, to provide the subsidized yarn only to the handloom weavers in order to compete with power loom and mill sector, a component of 10% price subsidy on hank yarn also exist under which 10% subsidy is applicable on Cotton, Domestic silk and woolen yarn with quantity limitation. As a new gesture under the scheme, NHDC has opened 10 yarn depot-cum-warehouses in XII Plan so as to ensure timely supplies to the users on cash basis, besides taking care of individual weavers who need yarn in small quantity. Such warehouses are functional from Sitapur & Moradabad (UP), Guwahati (Assam), Samudragarh (West Bengal), Kannur (Kerala), Chirala & Karimnagar (Andhra Pradesh), Agartala (Tripura), Bhubneshwar (Odisha) and Ranchi/Gudda (Jharkhand).

Further, the Government of India, had approved in November, 2011 Revival, Reform and Restructuring (RRR) package for waiver of overdue loan (100% principal and 25% of interest by GOI and 75% interest and penalty if any by Banks) as on 31/3/2010 and provide recapitalization assistance to eligible apex and primary weavers cooperative societies & individual weavers. NABARD is the Implementing agency of the RRR Package. The package was to be completed by 31.12.2012. However, due to less coverage of eligible Co-operative Societies & individual weavers and on receipt of requests from different State Governments the package was further extended upto 28.2.2014. A total of 39 Apex societies, 9683 Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies (PWCS), 6310 SHGs and 52975 individual weavers have been covered under the package. Apart from this, Government approved Institutional Credit component in December 2011 and provided margin money assistance, interest subsidy of 3% and credit guarantee through Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro & Small Enterprises (CGTMSE). Further, emphasizing the importance of providing subsidized credit to handloom weavers, Honble Union Finance Minister in the Budget 2013-14 announced loan to handloom sector at 6% rate of interest. Accordingly, the Government approved the modified Revival, Reform and Restructuring (RRR) Package along with concessional credit sub-component on 24th September 2013 and enhanced the margin money assistance from Rs.4200/- to Rs.10,000/- as well. The details of Weavers Credit Card (WCC) are as under:-

S. No.	Year	WCC Issued (Rs. in crore)	Loan sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	Loan disbursed
1.	2012-13	53,629	171.40	79.83
2.	2013-14	71,643	194.28	146.79
3.	2014-15 (as on 17.03.2015)	64,655	194.31	64.64

