

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

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HANDLOOM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received requests from the State Governments including Jharkhand for release of financial assistance to the handloom sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The steps taken/being by the 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): Yes Madam, requests are received from various State Governments for financial assistance to the handloom sector. However, no request has been received from Jharkhand during current year i.e. 2014-15. The state-wise details of the requests received are given in Annexure A.

(c): To improve the living standard of handloom weavers and sustainable development of handloom sector, the Ministry of Textiles, through various schemes and programmes, has adopted focused, flexible and holistic approach by facilitating marketing of handloom products, infrastructure development, brand building and empowerment of weavers by organizing them under self help groups, training and skill upgradation, infusion of new and contemporary designs through design intervention as well as product diversification, technology upgradation, easy access to raw material at subsidized prices and easy credit flow at low interest rate etc., besides providing better health care and life insurance under welfare schemes. With this objective, following schemes have been approved for implementation during 12th Plan:-

# National Handloom Development Programme- two components:

# Comprehensive Handlooms Development Scheme ( 3 schemes of 11th Plan merged into this scheme. These schemes were Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme, Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme and Diversified Handlooms Development Scheme).

# Revival, Reform and Restructuring (RRR) Package for handloom sector.

# Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme- two components:

# Health Insurance Scheme for access to health care facilities

# Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana for life insurance

# Yarn Supply Scheme

# Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme

The details of schemes are given in Annexure B.