

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN TRADITIONAL HANDSPUN PASHMINA
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a major decline in the traditional handspun Pashmina of Jammu & Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government for the protection/revival of traditional handloom in Jammu & Kashmir?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, there has been a decline in the traditional hand spun pashmina products of Jammu & Kashmir due to the advent of machine spinning, powerlooms weaving and other factors.

(c): Central and State Governments have been implementing Schemes, Plans and Programmes for revival of traditional handlooms under which financial assistance is being provided for organizing marketing events such as National Handloom Exhibitions, Special Handloom Exhibitions, District level Exhibitions/events, Craft Melas etc. to sell handloom products including Pashmina. J&K Small Scale Industries Corporation Limited (SICOP) is nominated as nodal agency for procurement of Raw-Pashmina from the growers and making it available to the traditional pashmina spinners.