

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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National Handloom Development Programme
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has ever attempted to ascertain the number of traditional handloom centres in various States including Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the number of persons who are dependent upon these centres directly or indirectly; and
- (d) the various measures being taken by the Union Government for socio-economic upliftment of these centres and those engaged in this industry by way of extending financial and technological support to them?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): As per Third All India Handloom Census (2009-10), there were 43,31,876 handloom weavers and allied workers across the country including the state of Gujarat. State-wise details are given in Annexure-I.

(d): For the socio-economic upliftment of handloom weavers, following schemes/programmes are under implementation during 12th Plan:

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