

Title: Need to revamp handloom industry to safeguard the interest of workers -Laid.

SHRI M. CHINNASAMY (KARUR): Handloom industry, which once was considered as prime industry, has been relegated. It is not given its due importance. It is really surprising when the whole world is giving importance and acceptance to handloom fabrics, it is not being paid adequate attention in our own country. Lakhs of families depend upon this industry as a source of livelihood. With no support from Government, the industry today is in doldrums. Mills are closed, workers and their families live in hunger and Government is also losing considerable revenue. I, therefore, request the Union Government to revamp and restructure this industry and set up a high-powered committee to go into the whole gambit of handloom industry.