

**Title:** Requests the government to consider the plight of poor weavers throughout the country and take a decision to write off their loans on par with the farming community in the country.

SHRI KONIJETI ROSAIAH (NARASARAOPET): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as you are aware, the weavers engaged in handloom and weaving industry in the country are next to the largest number of persons engaged in the agricultural sector in the country. The weaving community is suffering from indebtedness all over the country. While loans of the farming community were written off up to an amount of Rs.10,000 by the Government, this benefit was not extended to the poorest handloom weavers.

I request the Government of India to consider the plight of these poor weavers throughout the country and take a decision to write off their loans on a par with the farming community in the country.