

Kerala	0.93	0.98	1.22	0.92	0.99
Madhya Pradesh	3.82	3.35	2.94	1.63	1.81
Maharashtra	44.94	44.09	43.86	45.34	42.64
Orissa	1.43	1.54	1.30	1.33	1.15
Punjab	2.15	2.29	2.95	3.60	3.48
Rajasthan	2.12	2.76	3.32	3.53	4.12
Tamil Nadu	8.84	10.19	9.27	8.65	9.22
Uttar Pradesh	2.19	2.11	1.70	1.42	2.40
West Bengal	2.58	2.43	2.44	1.88	1.66
Pondicherry	2.79	2.04	2.02	2.96	2.65

(b) and (c) There is no restriction on the movement of textile items between one state to another. The total production of cloth and yarn is showing steady increase during the last five years. Even though population is constantly increasing the per capita availability of cloth is showing steady increase during the last five years as given below:—

Year	Per capital availability of cloth (in Sq. mtrs)
1993-94	26.22
1994-95	25.98
1995-96	27.99
1996-97	29.30
1997-98	30.92

The present capacity and production is sufficient to meet the demand for yarn and cloth in the country. The state-wise percentage of cloth produced in the mill sector during April to December, 1998 is given below:—

States/Union Territories	Percentage Share
Assam	0.24
Gujarat	25.70
Haryana	0.45
Karnataka	1.19
Kerala	0.74
Madhya Pradesh	1.74
Maharashtra	45.71
Orissa	1.17
Punjab	3.66
Rajasthan	3.94
Tamil Nadu	8.92
Uttar Pradesh	2.68
West Bengal	1.39
Union Territory	
Pondicherry	2.47

### Janata Cloth Scheme

2476. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Janata Cloth Scheme, which was introduced with the objective to provide sustained income to handloom weavers, has been totally phased out;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to provide adequate protection and support to unskilled handloom weavers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A committee constituted in 1991 to review the Janata Cloth Scheme recommended its phasing out, since it had contributed to the de-skilling of the weavers.

It was decided by the Government to introduce a modified Janata Cloth Scheme w.e.f. 1993-94 for the 8th Plan period. The Scheme was however, extended during 1997-98 to facilitate transition.

(c) Consequent to phasing out of the Janata Cloth Scheme by the end of the 8th Plan period, the Government introduced two major developmental schemes. Viz., the Project Package Scheme (PPS) during 1991-92 and Handloom Development Centre (HDC) Scheme during 1993-94, to provide financial support to weavers in a integrated and coordinated manner which also included skill upgradation of de-skilled handloom weavers.

हथकरघा बुनकरों को वित्तीय सहायता दिया जाना

2477. श्रीमती सरोज दुबे: क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि देश में कपड़ा मिलों की संख्या में वृद्धि होने के कारण हथकरघा बुनकरों की आर्थिक स्थिति खराब हो गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इन हथकरघा बुनकरों को प्रोत्साहित करने तथा उन्हें वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने हेतु सरकार के पास कोई योजना है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ज़ोर क्या है?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री कशीराम राणा): (क) से (ग) देश में कपड़ा मिलों की संख्या में वृद्धि होने के कारण हथकरघा बुनकरों की आर्थिक स्थिति खराब नहीं हुई है। यद्यपि,