

implemented for improving the incomes and giving more stable employment to the weavers.

Production and export of handloom products

1188. SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production in terms of value of handloom products in the country during the last three years;

(b) what is the value of the handloom products exported during the above period and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reserve some quota of handloom products for exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) Production data for the handloom sector are based on figures of civil deliveries of hank yarn by the textile mills. The value of production is derived from the annual average of prices of handloom cloth, as furnished by the Textiles Committee. The value of production of handloom goods during the last three years is accordingly estimated in round figures as under:—

Year	Value (in Rs. crores)
1974	940.00
1975	1,000.00
1976	1,020.00

(b) Exports of handloom goods during the last three years have been as under:—

Year	Value (in Rs. crores)
1974	121.32
1975	150.39
1976	236.68

(c) No, Sir.

Financial assistance to States for the handloom sector

1189. SHRIMATI AZIZA IMAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central assistance is provided to the State Governments for promotion of the handloom sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the amount of financial assistance given to each State during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (KUMARI ABHA MAITI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (1) Central Government is assisting State Governments for promotion of handloom sector through the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes:—

(1) Intensive Handloom Development Projects.

(2) Handloom Export Production Projects.

(3) Handloom Janata Cloth Scheme.

(4) Share Capital Assistance for Primary Handloom Cooperative Societies.