

1. (i) To review the technical, commercial, procedural and financial aspects of the Agreement between ANTRIX and M/s Devas Multimedia Pvt., Ltd., taking into account the report of the internal review conducted by the Department of Space;
- (ii) To suggest corrective measures;
- (iii) To fix responsibility for lapses, if any; and
2. In light of the above, to review the adequacy of procedures and approval processes followed by ANTRIX, ISRO and Department of Space, and to suggest improvements and changes, taking into account the review mandated by the Space Commission at its 117th meeting, held on July 02, 2010.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

**Assurance of debt waiver for handloom sector**

\* 110. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had made an assurance for a debt waiver for the handloom sector;
- (b) if so, whether any steps have been taken in this direction; and
- (c) whether Government has any information about the present debt situation of handloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the recommendations of High Level Committee, constituted by Ministry of Textiles under the chairmanship of Managing Director, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and keeping in view the observations and suggestion of Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), a revised package had been submitted to Ministry of Finance, which was under scrutiny. The proposals *inter-alia* include: (i) Waiver of overdue interest and overdue loans of Societies (ii) Recapitalisation of the balance sheet of Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies and State level Apex Societies with adequate fund support from Government; (iii) Financing the credit needs of handloom weavers/societies at lower rate of interest with interest subvention etc. The Handloom Census of India (2009-10) has shown that 3.06 lakh handloom weavers households are in debt. Keeping this in mind, in the Budget speech delivered on 28.02.2011, the Finance Minister has announced a financial package in the Annual Budget 2011-12. The package, with a financial implication of Rs. 3000 crores, will benefit more than 15000 handloom weavers cooperative societies.