

Welfare of handloom weavers

1060. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:

SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise/category-wise number of handloom weavers in various States of the country as on date;

(b) the facilities provided by Government to these handloom weavers during the last five years;

(c) the subsidy made available to each State during the said period for the welfare of handloom weavers; and

(d) the number of handloom weavers benefited thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) As per third All India Handloom Census (2009-10), there are 43.32 lakh handloom weavers in the country. Out of which 9.38 lakh are engaged in allied activities such as warping sizing, dyeing etc. State wise/ category wise number of handloom weavers in various states of the country is given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The government has been providing facilities to the weavers in the field of training and skill upgradation, design support, marketing support, money, technologically improved looms and accessories, yarn supply on concessional rates, subsidized loan through institutional credit, health and insurance coverage etc. through following major schemes during last five years:-

- Integrated Handloom Development Scheme (IHDS);
- Marketing & Export Promotion Scheme (MEPS);
- Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme;
- Mill Gate Price Scheme (MGPS);
- Diversified Handloom Development Scheme (DHDS).
- Revival Reform & Restructuring package for Handloom Sector

(c) and (d) For the welfare of handloom weavers the Government of India has

been implementing Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Beema Yojna and Health Insurance Scheme under Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme. Under both the schemes funds are released directly to the implementing agencies for enrolment of weavers. Details of funds allocated and released under the Handloom Weavers comprehensive Welfare Scheme and coverage of weavers during last five years is given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

**State-wise/category-wise status of total weavers &
allied workers in handloom*

Sl. No.	State Name	Total no. of weavers	Nos. of allied workers
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	355838	124959
2	Arunachal Pradesh	33041	3694
3	Assam	1643453	82464
4	Bihar	43392	25972
5	Chhattisgarh	8191	2462
6	Delhi	2738	1047
7	Gujarat	11009	5308
8	Haryana	7967	2140
9	Himachal Pradesh	13458	1154
10	Jammu and Kashmir	33209	13400
11	Jharkhand	21160	8470
12	Karnataka	89256	36917
13	Kerala	14679	3344
14	Madhya Pradesh	14761	5896
15	Maharashtra	3418	1386
16	Manipur	218753	3712
17	Meghalaya	13612	308

1	2	3	4
18	Mizoram	43528	909
19	Nagaland	66490	19428
20	Orissa	114106	54136
21	Pondicherry	2803	756
22	Punjab	2636	1592
23	Rajasthan	31958	21620
24	Sikkim	568	10
25	Tamil Nadu	352321	90144
26	Tripura	137177	1566
27	Uttar Pradesh	257783	100393
28	Uttarakhand	15468	8379
29	West Bengal	779103	316489

*(Source - 3rd Handloom Census (2009-10)).

Statement-II

*Funds released and weavers covered under Handloom Weavers'
Comprehensive Welfare scheme in last five years*

Health Insurance Scheme

Enrolment during 11th plan		Funds released towards GOI share of premium	
Year	Enrolment	Year	Funds released (Rs. in Cr.)
2008-09	1774034	2008-09	Rs. 120.82
2009-10	1878334	2009-10	Rs. 115.85
2010-11	1611837	2010-11	Rs. 101.11
2011-12	1766376	2011-12	Rs. 57.62
2012-13	1749452	2012-13	Rs. 109.64

Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana

Enrolment during 11th plan		Funds released towards GOI share of premium	
Policy Year	Enrolment	Year	Funds released (Rs. in Cr.)
2008-09	575909	2008-09	Rs. 03.10
2009-10	526317	2009-10	Rs. 03.10
2010-11	520831	2010-11	Rs. 14.37
2011-12	591564	2011-12	Rs. 09.33
2012-13	550246	2012-13	Rs. 17.16

Target for export of textiles and garments

†1061. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textiles and ready-made garment exporters have been given the target by Government for exporting 30 per cent more garments from the country during the current financial year as against the year 2012-13;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the target of increasing textile production has also been set so as to achieve the target of exports; and

(d) if so, the quantum of textiles targeted to be produced in textile mills, powerloom and handloom sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) In July 2013, Government has raised the annual export target for Textiles & Clothing from USD 32 billion (2012-13) actual to USD 43 billion (2013-14) following discussions with Textiles Export Promotion Councils in the backdrop of rupee depreciation and strong industry performance. The targets for apparel exports for 2013-14 have been fixed US\$ 17 billion from the 2012-13 actual performance of 12.39 billion.

(c) and (d) The key objectives under the 12th Plan for textiles sector are to

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