

**Bailing out handloom industry of Uttarakhand**

2076. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the handloom industry in Uttarakhand is on the brink of closure;

(b) if so, whether State Government has requested the Central Government to provide financial assistance to bail out its handloom industry;

(c) if so, when the said request had been made along with the assistance provided by the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) if no assistance is given, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) No Sir. Government has not received any report from the State Government that the handloom industry in Uttarakhand is on the brink of closure.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Insurance coverage of handloom weavers**

2077. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to increase the level of insurance cover of handloom weavers under the Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof with respect to accidental death, partial disability and natural death; and

(c) the road-map to implement insurance coverage of handloom weavers during the current financial year, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Ministry of Finance, Government of India is coordinating with concerned Ministries to converge all Insurance Schemes including Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY) to Pradhan Manti Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) from the next financial year.

(c) Presently, MGBBY, the insurance scheme for coverage of handloom weavers is being implemented by the Office of Development Commissioner for Handloom