

## **Regarding need to set up a Handloom Park in Jogulamba Gadwal district, Telangana-laid**

**SHRIMATI D. K. ARUNA (MAHBUBNAGAR):** I would like to bring to the kind notice of the Government the dire need to set up a Handloom Park in Jogulamba Gadwal District which falls in erstwhile Mahabubnagar District in Telangana State, which is a long-pending demand. Jogulamba Gadwal is known for its handloom Jari chiralu (Gadwala sarees) in rural and semi-rural areas of our country like Jogutamba Gadwal, the handloom industry is a significant source of livelihood and a representation of the diverse and rich cultural history of our nation since many decades. With more than 70 per cent of all weavers and associated workers being women, it is also a sector that specifically addresses the empowerment of women and boosts export revenue of our country. For this purpose, 50 acres of land was allotted ten years ago, but no progress was made. There are about 18000 to 20000 families who are directly or indirectly dependent on Handloom related works for their livelihood in Jogulamba Gadwal. They are in distress and leading a pathetic life and to address these issues. They need financial assistance from the Government under various schemes like National Handloom Development Programme, Comprehensive Handloom Cluster Development Scheme, Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, Weavers Mudra Scheme and Yarn Supply Scheme. Therefore, I request Hon'ble Minister of Textiles to kindly consider to set up a Handloom Park in Jogulamba Gadwal District.