

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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HANDLOOM WEAVERS, MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of handloom weavers in the country;
- (b) out of them how many are from Maharashtra;
- (c) the facilities given to these handloom weavers in Maharashtra during 2001-02; and
- (d) the amount released to Maharashtra for this purpose during the above period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL))

(a) and (b) As per the joint census of handlooms & powerlooms conducted during 1995 - 96, there were 65.51 lakh persons engaged in handloom weaving and its associated activities in the country. A total of 0.81 lakh persons out of these were based in Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) The Government has formulated a number of Schemes for the development of the handloom sector and for the welfare of weavers. A sum of Rs.94.26 lakh was released to Maharashtra during 2001-02 for implementation of the-

- (i) Work-shed-cum-Housing Scheme
- (ii) Project Package Scheme
- (iii) Thrift Fund Scheme
- (iv) Exhibitions & Publicity.

Besides, two `Weavers` Service Centres` are located at Mumbai and Nagpur, which provide design, guidance, training and technical inputs to the handloom weavers.