

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:825

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WEAVERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES OF BIHAR AND JHARKHAND

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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that most of the Weavers` Co-operative Societies in Bihar and Jharkhand are facing acute financial crisis due to decline in exports and are on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any specific proposals regarding protection of these societies; and

(d) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & ( b) No Weavers` Cooperative Society in Bihar and Jharkhand is reported to be on the verge of closure due to decline in exports. However, the Government of Jharkhand has reported that most of the weavers` cooperative societies in Jharkhand are facing a financial crunch due to lack of working capital & marketing problems etc.

(c) & (d) The Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms has not received any proposal relating to export from the Government of Jharkhand. However, two export projects have been sanctioned so far in favour of handloom agencies from Bihar under the erstwhile Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing Scheme and under the present Handloom Export Scheme and a sum of Rs. 12.75 lakh has been released. The Government of Bihar had submitted 20 project proposals for release of financial assistance under the Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana. Those were not found to be in conformity with the scheme`s guidelines. The proposals have been returned to the State Government for rectification and resubmission.