

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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SILK YARN FOR CARPET WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken any steps to make silk yarn available for the carpet weavers in the country particularly in Jammu & Kashmir at cheaper rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore; and;
- (d) the other steps taken to boost the domestic carpet industry?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The import of spun silk yarn is allowed under OGL and is now easily available for the carpet weavers.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The steps taken to boost the domestic carpet industry include: organisation of workshops/seminars, buyer-seller-meets, sales exhibition in metros; setting up of Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT) at Bhadohi and organisation of Indian Carpet Expos bi-annually in New Delhi.