

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH PACKAGE SCHEME OF HANDLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have implemented the health package scheme for handloom weavers in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the number of handloom weavers benefited by this scheme; and
- (c) the quantum of funds allocated to the State under the said scheme during the financial year 2002-03?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir; the Government of India has been implementing the Health Package Scheme for the handloom weavers in the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) Since inception of the scheme in the year 1992-93, 68,759 weavers of Uttar Pradesh have been benefited.
- (c) Funds under the scheme are released on reimbursement basis to the implementing agencies. As and when proposals for reimbursement of medical expenses to the weavers are received from the State Governments, the same are considered for release of funds under the guidelines of the scheme.