

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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HANDLOOM AND POWERLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to launch any special security schemes for the workers in handloom and powerloom sectors;
- (b) if so, by when these schemes are likely to come into force; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (c) : In so far as Handloom Sector is concerned, in pursuance of the Budget Announcement 2005-06 made by the Hon'ble Finance Minister, the Government of India has introduced a modified Bunkar Bima Yojana called Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana with the objective of providing enhanced insurance cover to the handloom weavers in the case of natural as well as accidental death. The scheme was launched on 2nd October 2005. The Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana is implemented through the Life Insurance Corporation of India.

In so far as Powerloom Sector is concerned, there is no proposal to launch any special security schemes for workers in the Powerloom Sector, as there is already a scheme for powerloom workers namely Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Weavers.