

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:821  
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HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME FOR HANDLOOM WEAVERS  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have launched the Handloom Insurance Scheme for handloom weavers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of weavers covered so far under the scheme; and
- (d) the funds allotted to each State under the Scheme so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. The Health Insurance Scheme has been launched on 3rd November 2005. Under this scheme, the annual premium is Rs.1,000/-per weaver out of which Rs.800/- is to be contributed by Government of India and Rs.200/- by the weaver. The scheme is to cover not only the weaver but his wife and two children. It covers all pre-existing and new diseases and there is a substantial provision for OPD. The annual limit per family is Rs.15,000/-, out of which Rs.7,500/- is for OPD.

(c) : So far 1,39,139 weavers have been covered under the scheme.

(d) : The Scheme is being implemented through ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd. and the funds under the Scheme are being released to ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company.