

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3627
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2006
RURAL TEXTILE INDUSTRIES
Kathiria Dr. Vallabhbai

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed impact on the rural textile industry after phasing out of quota system as they are unable to compete with bigger player in textile sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has framed any policies/schemes to promote rural textile industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to ensure the livelihood of rural artisans especially women workers and to develop their skill to secure alternative jobs?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) : No, Sir. However, the major activities in textile sector are mainly concentrated in the Handlooms, Handicrafts, Powerlooms, Silk, and Wool sectors, which are decentralized in nature and many units are located in rural areas. The Government is implementing various schemes for the development of these sectors. Though the schemes/ programmes do not adhere to any specific community or social group, the majority of those employed in these sectors belong to the Scheduled castes/ Scheduled tribes. Women comprise a sizeable number of workers in the Handlooms, Handicrafts, Silk and Wool Sector. These schemes provide a source of sustained and regular income for the beneficiaries and also contributes in developing their skills and consequently employability. Some of the major schemes being implemented are:

Handlooms

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHYP)
2. Integrated Handloom Training Project (IHTP)
3. Handloom Export Scheme (HES)
4. Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Programme.
5. Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY).
6. Health Insurance Scheme (HIS)

Handicrafts

- i) Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY);
- ii) Design & Technical Upgradation Scheme;
- iii) Marketing & Support Services Scheme;
- iv) Export Promotion Scheme;
- v) Training & Extension Scheme;

Powerloom

- i) 20% Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Powerloom Sector under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS).

ii) Modernization and Strengthening of Powerloom Service Centres.

iii) Support to Computer Aided Design Centres.

iv) Group Workshed Scheme

v) Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Weavers.

Silk

Catalytic Development Programme (CDP)

Wool

Integrated Wool Improvement Programme (IWIP)