

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3672
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2006
WEAVERS COOPERATIVE SOCIETY
Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of weavers co-operative societies, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is contemplating to extend insurance coverage to all the members of these societies;
- (c) if so, the reasons for declining proposal of Madhya Pradesh Government to provide insurance cover to the members of co-operative societies of weavers so far,
- (d) whether the Government proposes to reconsider the Madhya Pradesh Government proposal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : Statement showing the State-wise number of weavers co-operative Societies in India is given at Annexure:

(b) : The Government of India has introduced a modified Bunkar Bima Yojana called Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana during 2005-06 for providing insurance cover to the handloom weavers in case of natural as well as accidental death. Weavers including members of cooperative societies are eligible to be covered under this scheme subject to the fulfillment of the eligibility criteria and payment of weavers' share under the scheme..

(c) to (e) : The Government of Madhya Pradesh had submitted a proposal during 2004-05 for release of central assistance of Rs.25,000/-under the Group Insurance Scheme which was in existence only upto December 2003 till the introduction of the Bunkar Bima Yojana. Since the earlier Group Insurance Scheme was discontinued with the introduction of Bunkar Bima Yojana during December 2003, the funds could not be released under the old scheme. This has been informed to the State Government. Since the earlier Group Insurance scheme is no longer in existence, the Government of India is not in a position to reconsider the proposal.

Annexure referred to in part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3672 due for answer on 16.05. 2006 raised by Shri Ganesh Singh

No of Cooperative Societies in India (State-wise)

(Based on information received from Various State Governments)

Sl.No. Name of State No. of Cooperatives. in the State

1.	Andhra Pradesh	810
2.	Arunchal Pradesh	40
3.	Assam	3680
4.	Bihar	1089
5.	Chattisgarh	115
6.	Gujarat	926
7.	Haryana	2
8.	Himachal Pradesh	370
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	462
10.	Jharkhand	162
11.	Karnataka	405
12.	Kerala	750
13.	Madhya Pradesh	670
14.	Maharashtra	680
15.	Manipur	1390
16.	Meghalaya	42
17.	Nagaland	1450
18.	Orissa	1273
19.	Punjab	942

20. Rajasthan	825
21. Sikkim Nil	
22. Tamil Nadu	1260
23. Tripura	29
24. Uttar Pradesh	1547
25. Uttranchal	90
26. West Bengal	2209
27. N.C.T. Delhi.	399
28. Pondicherry	14
TOTAL	21631