

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:38
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2006
CENSUS FOR HANDLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and number of looms and weavers according to last Handloom Census, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government periodically conducts Handloom Census;
- (c) if so, the reasons for not conducting census since 1995-96;
- (d) the estimated impact of not conducting the census on the policy-making process and the lives of the weavers and also on the development of the Handloom Sector;
- (e) whether the contribution of Handloom sector is on decline; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.38 FOR 25.07.2006.

(a) : The State-wise details and number of looms and weavers according to last Handloom Census conducted in 1995-96, are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) to (d) : The first census on Handloom was conducted during the year 1987-88 and second census was conducted in the year 1995-96. Thus, the handloom censuses had been conducted at an interval of about a decade. Proposal to conduct a fresh census is under consideration.

(e) & (f) : The estimated cloth production in handloom sector in the year 2005-06 was 6203 million sq. mtrs (Provisional) as compared to 5722 million sq. mtrs in 2004-05 and 5493 million sq. mtrs in 2003-04 which shows an annual increase of 8.41% in the year 2005-06 and 4.17% in the year 2004-05.

The Government is implementing a number of schemes to enhance production, productivity and efficiency of the handloom sector and to enhance the income and socio-economic status of the weavers by upgrading their skills and providing infrastructural input and marketing support. The main developmental schemes are Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Integrated Handloom Training Project, Marketing Promotion Programme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Weavers' Welfare Scheme and Handloom Export Scheme. Further more, new schemes of Integrated Handloom Cluster Development (IHCD), Mahatama Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojna and Health Insurance Scheme have been launched in the year 2005-06.

Annexure

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF NUMBER OF LOOMS AND WEAVERS AS PER 1995-96 CENSUS

S.No Name of the State No. of Looms No. of Weavers

1	Andhra Pradesh	202100	228007
2	Arunachal Pradesh	39592	30134
3	Assam	1322056	1259878
4	Bihar	34906	45424
5	Chattisgarh	8111	10130
6	Delhi	7027	2977
7	Goa	43	14
8	Gujarat	20550	21350
9	Haryana	22718	5076

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10 Himachal Pradesh 47631 47901
11 Jammu & Kashmir 18154 20773
12 Jharkhand 11314 26718
13 Karnataka 70835 71238
14 Kerala 49508 32093
15 Madhya Pradesh 14425 12882
16 Maharashtra 39900 38985
17 Manipur 281496 425580
18 Meghalaya# # #
19 Mizoram# # #
20 Nagaland 87878 81827
21 Orissa 92869 104676
22 Pondicherry 3106 3155
23 Punjab 6556 5956
24 Rajasthan 34343 37348
25 Sikkim\$ 838 \$
26 Tamil Nadu 413174 319600
27 Tripura 117792 137669
28 Uttar Pradesh 182539 221127
29 Uttaranchal 7031 9077
30 West Bengal 350654 270911
Total All India 3487146 3470506

Data not received from Meghalaya and Mizoram

\$ No separate figures available relating to number of weavers in respect of Sikkim