

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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LOAN TO WEAVERS' COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to waive off the outstanding loan of Weavers' Cooperative Societies/Handloom Industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the action is likely to be taken in this regard;
- (c) the other steps Government proposes to take in order to meet the financial crisis of Weavers' Cooperative Societies/Handloom Industry; and
- (d) the details of Weavers' Cooperative Societies/Handloom workers in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh not being able to cope with the high rate of interest alongwith the loans outstanding, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) A proposal to look at the problem of debt which is afflicting the handloom cooperatives is under consideration of the Government.
- (c) The Government is implementing a number of schemes for development and welfare of the Handloom Sector. The important 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, Handloom Export Scheme, Integrated Handloom Cluster Development(IHCD), Mahatama Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojna, Health Insurance Scheme etc.
- (d) As informed by the State Governments during the year 2005, the number of handloom agencies, including Weavers' Cooperative Societies affected/benefited from the loans are 8176, having 6,10,760 weavers/workers. State-wise details are annexed.