

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TEXTILES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1413  
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TRAINING TO HANDLOOM WORKERS  
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the number of weaver and artists in Handloom industry;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries of IHTP (Integrated Handloom Training Project) and Designed Development & Training Programme; and
- (c) the percentage of weavers who have received benefits under the 'Workshop cum Housing scheme' since its inception?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TEXTILES ( SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA

- (a) As per the joint handloom & powerloom Census 1995-96, 65.51 lakh persons are engaged in weaving and allied activities in the Handloom Sector.
- (b) A Central Sector Plan Scheme 'Integrated Handloom Training Project (IHTP)' has been introduced in December 2003 for imparting training to handloom weavers/workers. Under the Scheme, financial assistance for covering 20,260 beneficiaries has been released till now. Under "Design Development and Training Programme", 6369 weavers have been benefited during 2003-04.
- (c) Under the Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme for handloom weavers, 2,82,574 units of Worksheds/workshed-cum-houses have been sanctioned since inception till 2003-04.